



# League Lines

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## Joint Meeting with A.A.U.W. March 8, 1995



### SCHOOL FUNDING

will be discussed by

Robert Rolek, President, Lake Bluff School Board, District #65;  
Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District;  
Harry Griffith, Superintendent, Lake Forest School District #67

Peg Morris, President A.A.U.W., Moderator

Potluck Dinner - 6:30 PM

Faculty Dining Room, Lake Forest High School

League Members: Bring Dessert (cookies or brownies suggested)  
Guests are invited to attend.

## Directory Update

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Janice N. Schnobrich  
766 Mawman, Lake Bluff

Stephanie K. Rives  
116 Ravine Ave., Lake Bluff

### ADDRESS CHANGE:

Rep. Lauren Gash  
108 Wilmot Road,  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
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## The Celebration Has Started!

More than 50 League members and friends gathered for tea with Carrie Chapman Catt on February 13. Suzanne Hales captured the energy and the resolve of this amazing woman.

Thanks to Diane for once again opening her home for us and to all who helped make the afternoon fun and successful. There were many new faces at the tea. Remember to include your friends in League activities!

And did you notice? Both the mayor of Lake Forest and the village board president of Lake Bluff issued proclamations making February 14 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY!!!

The League was covered in *The Lake Forester* and *The Lake Forest Journal* and in several editions of *The Chicago Tribune*. We're watching the *Tribune* for coverage of our tea with Carrie Chapman Catt...



## League Lines

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## President's Message . . .

I am looking forward to the PBS documentary "One Woman, One Vote" which airs tonight on PBS. My 11-year-old daughter, Carolyn, has been interested in the unfolding of events in this 75th anniversary year and I am taping the program so that we can watch it together later. Sounds like a recipe for disaster, but I have high hopes.

The kinds of things that have impressed her so far are the tidbits (women were not allowed library cards in Philadelphia in 1923), the costumes (Suzanne Hales was here as Carrie Chapman Catt where Carolyn arrived home from school on Monday) and the stories told by women who remember their mothers and grandmothers marching for the right to vote or voting for the first time. I am gathering tidbits and costumes and memories...

The most exciting development this year has been the community response to celebrating the 75 anniversary of a woman's right to vote. The first community steering committee meeting will be on Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Green Room at Gorton. This meeting is open to the public. Feel free to join us or send your ideas with us to the meeting.

## Board Meeting Highlights-February 8

- ☐ Recommended retention of all current local positions.
- ☐ Discussed four local program items; recommendations included on page 4.
- ☐ Recommended retention of all state positions and asked for clarification on the criminal justice position regarding pretrial release.
- ☐ Recommended retention of all county positions. Recommended a new county study of the public health aspects of composting and an action focus on violence, including media violence.
- ☐ Reviewed the proposed 1995-96 budget.
- ☐ Agreed on pricing for multiple copies of the new preschool directory: \$3.00 single copies; \$1.50 for 10-49; \$1.25 for 50 or more. Recommended distribution of single copies again through Gorton.
- ☐ Approved a fundraising letter for the 75th within the League and contacts with major donors.
- ☐ Discussed the candidate forum on the Lake Forest bond referendum.
- ☐ Set the next meeting for March 3 at 9:00 AM at Gorton. (Regular meeting time conflicts with our joint program with AAUW on March 8.)

## School Bond Referendum Forum in Lake Bluff

The Lake Bluff Citizens' Education Committee is working with the District 65 School Board to sponsor a forum to discuss the upcoming Lake Bluff school bond referendum. The Forum will be held at 7:00 PM on March 1st at the East School. All league members are urged to attend.

## 1995 LWIL Legislative Seminar

Join us for an action-packed meeting in Springfield on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27. Meet with your legislators, observe them in action, receive training in being an effective citizen lobbyist and attend information-packed seminars on League priority issues. Eat chicken again! Meet with informed League lobbyists who make up for the lackluster hotel ambience. Join us at the Governor's mansion to celebrate the League's 75th birthday.

Help Lake Forest/Lake Bluff beat Oak Park and Evanston for the League with the large contingent. Registration for the full meeting is \$50.00 and hotel is \$71.00 plus 10% tax either one or two people. We will be carpooling and staying at the Springfield Hilton. Call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) for more information.

## State League Convention - June 2-4, 1995

The 47th LWIL convention in 1995 promises to be something special and we hope you will consider attending in addition to the usual convention activities of debate, caucus, parliamentary procedure, budget and bylaws, there will be added opportunities for training. The convention this year will be held on June 2 - 4 at the Bismark Hotel.

Although the convention itself begins on Saturday morning, there will be a Friday, June 2 workshop on facilitation (reasonably priced at \$35.00 including lunch). This year, Deborah Leff, president of the Joyce Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the Friday banquet. Ms. Leff is well known nationally for her support of gun control. The Joyce Foundation focuses on election issues and was the major funding agency for the Illinois Voter Project.

The Annual Benefit will be held on convention Saturday and the League will be celebrating its birthday with a politically prominent speaker. Plan to join us. Several league members will be carpooling and rooming together at the Bismark. If interested, call Diane (615-9182). This is league meat! If you have never been, you couldn't try it out in a better year!

## Reminder to Registrars

On March 2 registration re-opens for North Chicago, ward 1; Waukegan, wards 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7; Zion; and Highland Park.

This will allow only a four-day window for voters in these areas to register for the April 4, 1995 election. All voter registration closes for the April election on March 6.

## New LWV Deputy Registrars

Thanks and congratulations to our newest

deputy registrars:

Gert Barnett

Jayne Gretz

Mary Ann Kiehl

## New Preschool Directory Available



The 1994-95 edition of "Childcare and Pre-schools in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff" is now available, thanks to Susan Phillips who compiled the current data and Sue Walsh who got it ready for the printer. It covers day care for children, day care for sick children, sources for baby-sitting, preschools, programs for young children and a community calendar for children.

The directory is available at Gorton Community Center for \$3.00 per copy. Multiple copies are available at reduced rates. Call Ginni Magda (295-6892) or Diane Lloyd (615-9182)

## Awards to Kids 1st Health Fair!

Secretary Donna Shalala, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, selected the Kids 1st Fair program for an Outstanding Achievement Award in Community Health Promotion. The award was presented at a ceremony at the State of Illinois Building on February 9, 1995. Accepting the award for the Kids 1st Fair was Sharon Doney, BA, of the Lake County Health Department.

In addition to this award the Kids 1st Fair is now listed in George Washington University's Directory of Innovative Programs Providing Health Care Services to Poor and Underserved Communities in the U.S.

Ms. Doney, the Health Department person in charge of providing medical services for the Fair, also received the Donald B. Stone Service Award from the Illinois Society for Public Health Education.

Now that the Fair is receiving national attention, it is time to remind everyone to be collecting school supplies at your churches, clubs and other groups.

## For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

### Nominations for 1995-1997 Terms

Vice-President: Judy Grisamore  
 Secretary: Eleanor Knight  
 Director: Peg Hafner, newsletter, country board liaison  
 Director: Ann Hollis, newsletter  
 Director: Virginia Fiestler Frederick, action  
 Director: Susan Engelhart, fundraising  
 Director: Lorraine Bach, cable coordinator, school funding and tax

#### Continuing Board (1994-1996)

President: Diane Lloyd  
 Vice-President: Phyllis Albrecht, voter service  
 Treasurer: Alice Sievert

Co-Directors: Cindy Morehead and Susan Garrett, program (completing the unexpired term of Paula DuBordieu)  
 Director: Susan Kessler, national and state program  
 Director: Ginni Magda, voter registration  
 Director: Char Kreuz, finance (completing the unexpired term of Sue Walsh)

Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Kiehl, chair  
 Jill Lauer  
 Ann Hamlin

#### Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Alice Pierce, chair  
 Ann Grant  
 Linda Illes  
 Phyllis Albrecht, board representative  
 Ginni Magda, board representative

### Recommended Local Program

1. A study of the nominating systems in both communities, with an emphasis in Lake Forest on nominations for school board.
2. A study of gun control and appropriate local action.
3. A study of the comprehensive plans in both communities, specifically as they address density and wetlands.
4. Action on Knollwood annexation if this is a ballot issue in November. The board recommends a program on annexation in the spring to keep the membership up to date.

All studies are recommended with the proviso that groups can be formed with an adequate number of leaguers to carry out the study. Please call a board member if you are interested in working on one of these studies.



## For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

LWV Proposed Budget  
1995 - 1996

	BUDGETED*	INCLUDED FOR COMPARISON		
		ACTUAL	7/1/94 - 7/1/95	7/1/93 - 7/1/94
		BUDGET-	1/31/95	6/30/94
		1994-95	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>				
Checking Acct. (1/1/95)	\$7,516.12			
Edu/Juven Fund (1/1/95)	\$572.00			
TOTAL (1/1/95)	\$8,088.12			
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dues: 13 Sr Member @ \$40	\$520.00	\$420.00		\$3,636.00
Dues: 75 Reg. Member @ \$45	\$3,375.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,420.00	
Bridge Mission (net)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$615.00	\$705.00
Interest	\$175.00	\$140.00	\$77.80	\$152.54
Gifts from Pastors, Sustaining, Ed. Fund donations	\$800.00			\$615.00
Subs in Ads	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Fundraisers (net)		\$1,800.00	(\$400.00)	\$757.18
Wine/Lunch, other events (net)	\$100.00	\$128.00	(\$3.88)	\$185.01
Pre-School Book, 250 @ \$1.50		\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,945.00</b>	<b>\$8,860.00</b>	<b>\$5,113.92</b>	<b>\$6,430.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Postage (1994-95)	\$1,672.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,388.00	\$1,887.00
PMP - State (88 @ \$16.50)	\$1,452.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,188.00	\$1,358.50
PMP - County (LO) (88 @ \$2.00 plus \$25.00)	\$201.00	\$190.00	\$189.00	\$164.00
Membership coffee, dues notice, directory		\$435.00	\$355.57	\$428.48
Program/Study Groups/Wide First Fair	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00	\$849.46	\$1,159.85
Publicity/Posters	\$50.00			\$76.30
Copying/Supplies	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$55.32	\$188.91
Secretary	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$0.00
	\$20.00		\$5.80	\$82.81
President(s)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$20.04
Annual Meeting (Room, brochure)	\$180.00	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Action/Lobbying		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$2.50
	\$70.00	\$70.00		\$56.00
Voter Service/Candidate tours	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$128.45
Natl. Convention (in Chicago) 1995*	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$615.72
		\$50.00		\$5.00
Ill. Convention (in Chicago) 1997**		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legislative Seminars, Regionals 1995-6		\$150.00	\$0.00	
Pre-school Book		\$0.00	\$459.75	
Confirmary			\$0.00	(\$740.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,945.00</b>	<b>\$8,860.00</b>	<b>\$4,851.90</b>	<b>\$5,588.37</b>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$832.43

\* \$1,000 was budgeted in 1994-5 for the 1996 Natl. convention; the balance is budgeted in 1995-6.

\*\* An additional amount should be budgeted in 1996-97.

Items in Italics are fixed expenses.

\* The last 3 columns are included to give you a feel for our usual expenses. They show:

Our income and expenses in the current fiscal year through 1/31/95,  
Our actual income and expenses in the prior fiscal year (7/1/93 - 6/30/94).

## For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

### Proposed Bylaws Changes

Rather than print the entire eight page document of the LWVLF/LB Bylaws, the following highlighted Bylaws changes are submitted to the membership for review prior to the Annual Meeting. While they are not the sum of all changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee (Joan Kaltsas, chr.; T. Yakes and Melanie Rummel), they are considered by the Committee to represent the substantive changes for consideration. Copies of the entire Bylaws, with changes, are available in the League mailbox at Gorton.

Three sections included here reflect significant change.

1.) We submit a more relevant attempt to eliminate a yearly audit of the books by allowing for the audit of the Treasurer's books biannually or upon her leaving office after a two-year term.

2.) We currently do not have a fee for dues specific to two members residing in the same household. Most Leagues do; we are simply catching up here.

3.) There is extensive change to the Article IX on Program. Two changes are recommended.

1 - That all program be voted on as a block if nobody moves to separate.

2 - Program is now categorized into those items relevant to members from Lake Forest or Lake Bluff "governmental jurisdictions". With the program proposals this year, there is a third category -- program items relevant to all the membership. This addition reflects a need for change in the voting procedure, allowing for a majority vote of the entire membership.

We are also clarifying the voting procedures for the first two categories. The rules now reflect a possibility that was not intended when the bylaws were re-written as the Leagues merged: a majority vote by that part of the membership concerned with an item could be overridden by a simple majority vote of the rest of the membership being asked for concurrence. As recommended in these revisions, if no concurrence is to be given by the "non-governmental jurisdiction" members, then the item is to be put to a vote of the general membership. A simple majority vote of the entire membership will be required for acceptance of the original program proposal. Also note changes in non-recommended items.

[CODE FOR REVISION: *italics* - additions; ( ) - remove]

#### ARTICLE V - Officers

##### Section 5. The Treasurer.

[second paragraph of section]

The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at its regular meetings and an Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited at the end of her term or biannually, whichever comes first. *The audit and auditor is to be authorized by the Board. The audit report shall be published in the September bulletin of the year of the audit. (each year prior to the Annual Meeting.)* (by an auditor appointed by the Board.)

#### ARTICLE VI - Financial Administration

##### Section 2. Dues.

*When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, their combined dues shall be equal to one and one half times the amount of dues for an individual.*

## For Consideration at the Annual Meeting-April 12, 1995

### ARTICLE IX - Program

**Section 1. Authorization.** The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the Leagues as a whole, constitute the framework for the authorization (for) and the adoption of Local (P) program. No local program can be contrary to the principles and actions adopted by the National, State or County Leagues.

**Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting shall act upon the program, using the following procedures.

- a.) The Board (of Directors) shall consider all (the) recommendations for program submitted at least (sent in by voting members) two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b.) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c.) Items proposed for study and for action by the Board at the Annual Meeting shall be divided into three categories: (in the proposed program presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors shall)  
(1) a local study/program item involving the governmental jurisdiction specific to residents of Lake Forest,  
(2) a local study/program item involving the governmental jurisdiction specific to residents of Lake Bluff and/or  
(3) a local study/program item based on the combined interests of the LWVLF/ILB.

At the discretion of the President, and if no member moves to separate and/or divide any proposed item(s) in the above three categories, the local program proposals can be voted on as a block. If the President decides, or a member moves to separate and/or divide, the item then requires the following action for adoption, depending on the category.

- d.) In the case of (1) and (2) above, (require for adoption) adoption shall require:  
(1) a majority vote of (voting) those members present, qualified and voting who reside within the local governmental jurisdiction the item concerns, followed by (concerned with the items.)  
(2) a concurrence vote consisting of a majority of the (Following shall be a majority vote of concurrence by the voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the governmental jurisdiction not (outside the government) concerned with the item(s). If concurrence cannot be reached, a majority vote of the entire membership present, qualified and voting will be necessary for acceptance of the proposed program item.
- e.) In the case of (3) above, adoption shall require a majority vote of those members present, qualified and voting.
- f.) (d) Recommendations for program submitted two months prior to the Annual Meeting by voting members who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction concerned with the item(s) but not recommended by the Board may be considered and adopted by the Annual Meeting provided:  
(1) (the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by) a majority vote of the (voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction(s) concerned must vote for consideration; and (.)  
(2) the (Annual Meeting shall adopt the) item shall then require for adoption,  
a.) (by) a two-thirds majority vote of (the local voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction concerned and  
b.) (a majority vote of) concurrence by a majority of (voting) members present, qualified and voting who reside in the local governmental jurisdiction not concerned with the item. If concurrence cannot be reached, a two-thirds vote of the entire membership present, qualified and voting will be necessary for acceptance of the non-recommended item.

## State and National Update . . .

### LWVUS

#### Legislative priorities for 1995:

1. Protecting the national Voter Registration Act
2. Opposing the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment
3. Opposing a Term Limits Constitutional Amendment
4. Ensuring that government can protect citizens by working against regulatory reform/"unfunded mandates" proposals in Congress
5. Grassroots Lobby Corp has been established to promote and coordinate constituent support for the LWVUS legislative priorities
6. Decision not to endorse "Pledge to the Women of American" because of concern about the campaign's goal of electing to office only those who agree with the issue positions outlined in the agenda
7. Decision not to participate in NOW rally April 7-9 because of its partisan overtone

#### Citizen Education priorities for 1995:

##### Opening government to citizens:

1. Facilitate discussions with citizens on issues involved in finance reform
2. Participate in effort to broaden a successful pilot effort to provide information on-line for the 1996 election
3. Continue the "Wired for Democracy" project to use innovative communication methods to reach out to larger and more diverse audiences with voter information
4. Focus on LWVEF's election-related activities on a Get Out to Vote Campaign

##### Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support early intervention for children at risk with meeting-ready materials, development of several potential project components and information regarding available grants

##### Crisis in the Community

The September/October 1995 National Voter will feature coverage of the multi-faceted challenges facing our communities.

##### Health Care

1. Fact sheets on topics related to health policy and the federal budget will be published beginning in summer 1995
2. Funds are being sought to follow up on the successful health care town meetings held in spring 1994

#### Other LWVEF Activities

1. A second round of nuclear waste community education grants to state and local leagues has been awarded
2. Local leagues' celebration of National Drinking Water Week May 7-13 is encouraged
3. The League UN observer's annual report is available from Diane Lloyd (UN's 50th anniversary is October 23, 1995)

#### 75th Anniversary

The LWVUS travelling exhibit "Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers" celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment and the LWV will be in St. Louis March 4-31.

#### Lawsuit

The League has joined as a plaintiff in a suit challenging the constitutionality of a new rule adopted recently in the House of Representatives requiring a three-fifths vote to pass a bill that raises tax rates.

## State and National Update . .

### LWVIL

#### Legislative Seminar

April 26-27 in Springfield. Opportunity to meet with legislators, observe them in action, receive training as citizen lobbyist and attend sessions in League priority issues.

#### Legislative Priorities for 1995:

##### First Level Priorities

###### State Fiscal Policies

###### Support initiatives to:

- increase the income tax and make it more progressive
- reform school funding to increase state funding and reduce disparities between districts

###### Oppose initiatives to:

- limit the access of local governments to property tax revenue

###### Election Laws

###### Support for:

- statutes and procedures to implement the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act

##### Second Level Priorities

###### Children and Families/Social Policies

###### Support for:

- Early intervention and prevention programs
- Coordinated and adequate state services
- Initiatives that facilitate welfare to work

###### Opposition to:

- Measures to eliminate grant increases for additional children born to women receiving public aid

###### Reproductive Choice

###### Support for:

- Medicaid coverage of full reproductive health care services including abortion

###### Opposition to:

- Parental notification/consent legislation

##### Third Level Priorities

The League will also work on selected legislation on the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, gun control and health care.

#### Convention

June 2-4 in Chicago

#### Filed Suit

Against the state for failing to implement the National Voter Registration Act

## Dates to Remember . . .

- |       |       |   |
|-------|-------|---|
| March | 1     | School Bond Referendum Forum sponsored by Citizens Education Committee and Lake Bluff School Board          |
|       | 3     | LWV Board meeting, 9:00 AM, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room  |
|       | 3     | LWV Voter Registration, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Lake Forest High School Auditorium Lobby                        |
|       | 4     | Community Suffrage Steering Committee, 9:30- 11:00 AM, Gorton Community Center, Green Room                  |
|       | 8     | LWV/AAUW Joint Meeting and Potluck, "School Funding", 6:30 PM, Faculty Dining Room, Lake Forest High School |
| April | 4     | Consolidated Election   |
|       | 12    | LWV Annual Meeting  |
|       | 26-27 | Legislative Seminar, Springfield  |
| May   | 6     | LWV Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Base  |



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## Save May 6th!

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
AND  
HISTORIC FASHION SHOW

## Directory Update

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Judy Cottone

190 Lancaster Ct., Lake Bluff

Liz Schuetz

40 Oak Terrace, Lake Bluff

Audrey Vanderaa

380 Chiltem Dr., Lake Forest

## United Way Conference

Ann Hamlin represented the League on March 15 at the United Way Conference to assess community needs in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest. Six primary areas of concern were pinpointed:

- ☐ Drug and alcohol abuse, particularly in the teen community
- ☐ Senior status, including affordable housing, health care, taxation, and transportation
- ☐ Child care, especially infant care needs
- ☐ Lack of activities for teens
- ☐ Need for employment counseling because of downsizing and layoffs
- ☐ Community awareness of available services

## Attention Prospective Members!

If you have ever considered joining the League (or if you are a member and want to consider a gift membership for a friend), this is the time to try us out. By joining now, you receive one and one half years of membership (and publications) for the price of one. Dues paid between now and September will not be renewable until September 1996. Just fill out the form on page 5.

## League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff 1995 ANNUAL MEETING

April 10, 1995 - 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner  
at the home of Ann Hollis  
500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff

- Elect Officers
- Adopt 1995-1996 Budget
- Make Program Decisions for 1995-1996

Reservations to Ann Hollis (295-2463) by April 10th.  
(You can leave a message on her answering machine after April 1st.)  
Tell her what dish you plan to bring or pay \$6.00 at the door.



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## President's Message . . .

What do Katherine Arpee, Lilace Reid Barnes, Mary Beattie, Mary Liz Carney, Marguerite Stitt Church, Helen Cory and Fran Goostrey have in common? They are only a few of the women who are being honored by Lake Bluff and Lake Forest organizations at our May 6 luncheon and fashion show at Great Lakes. Jane Addams and Eleanor Roosevelt will be there, too.

Bring your mothers, daughters and friends. The invitation will be mailed in April. Do you have friends you would like to invite? Call in their names to me or to Judy Grisamore and we'll add them to our list.

In the meantime, save the date. Wear hats and gloves or even vintage clothes if you like! This is our gift to the community in honor of the 75th anniversary of a woman's right to vote.

## Board Meeting Highlights-March 3

- ☐ Treasurer's report included profit of \$232.25 for the February 14 Tea; member donations of over \$400.00 for the League's 75th activities; sales of the preschool booklet of \$163.00 to date.
- ☐ Approved new membership rates between now and September to extend to September 1996, i.e. one and one half years for the price of one, and authorized recruitment letters to that effect.
- ☐ Suggested an informational meeting in May to update members of the issue of Knollwood annexation and the League's position supporting annexation.
- ☐ Discussed cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council meetings, the need for follow up and the possibility of circulating petitions before the March deadline date.
- ☐ Announced voter registration at Lake Forest High School on May 3.

## 1995 LWVIL Legislative Seminar

Let us be: informative and action-packed meeting in Springfield on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27.

Meet with your legislators, observe them in action, receive training in being an effective citizen lobbyist and attend information-packed seminars on League priority issues. Join us for tea at the Governor's Mansion to celebrate the League's 75th birthday.

Registration for the full meeting is \$50.00 and hotel is \$71.00 plus 10% tax for either one or two people.

We will be carpooling and staying at the Springfield Hilton. Call Diane, 615-9182 for information.



## Updates on League Positions

### State and National

Several members met with the 59th District's new state representative, Tom Lachner, on March 13 to discuss the League's concerns and Tom's agenda for this legislative session. Leaguers in attendance included Judy Cottone, Beryl Flom, Susan Garrett, Betsy Lassar and Diane Lloyd.

Topics discussed included state fiscal policy, welfare reform, implementation of the National Voter Registration Act in Illinois, campaign finance reform, term limits and good management issues in government. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Tom and look forward to working with him and with his new legislative aide (and League member) Ann Carpenter.

### Term Limits

The League opposes term limits because:

- 1) Term limits interfere with the fundamental right of voters to elect their own representatives. The League believes that voters can be trusted to elect their representatives without government stepping in to arbitrarily regulate their choice.
- 2) Term limits would weaken the legislative branch of government - and strengthen an already powerful Presidency, upsetting the constitutional balance of powers.
- 3) Term limits ignore the need for experience in Congress, where complex public policy issues are decided. Term limits would result in increased reliance on congressional staff, lobbyists and other unelected "insiders."

THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS "WE ALREADY HAVE TERM LIMITS.  
THEY'RE CALLED ELECTIONS."

### Composting

Because Lake Forest has appointed a committee to look at recent issues surrounding composting and Lake Bluff will be establishing a compost site off Route 176, we are reprinting the Lake County League of Women Voters position on composting. See page 4.

### Gun Control

By the time you read this, the Illinois House may have voted on HB 568 which preempts local authority for gun control. The League strongly opposes this bill because it is in direct conflict with our support of home rule power and because we support legislative controls to stop the proliferation of the private ownership of handguns and their irresponsible use. We support the restrictive regulation of all handguns and ammunition, as well as enforcement of existing regulations at all levels of government. This bill was referred to the Agriculture Committee without public notice. Perhaps the democratic process would have been better served if an open and candid debate of the bill and its wide-ranging implications for responsible gun control in Illinois had occurred in committee. For more information, contact Barb Lippai at 432-8185. Our local League board is recommending gun control for next year's study and action agenda. Come to the annual meeting to tell us what you think.

### Cable

By the time you receive this issue, Lake Bluff will already have enjoyed the first broadcast of School District 656 board meetings for Tuesday, March 21. In Lake Forest, the city council will soon be deciding whether to continue broadcasting council meetings. The League addressed the council on Thursday, March 16 to share the results of a telephone survey of communities on the North Shore which offer cable coverage to city council and school board meetings in a variety of ways (from fully equipped studios to volunteers using equipment borrowed at no cost from the local cable company). We pointed out the difficulty of measuring viewership and using it as a sole criterion for judging whether to provide the service. To date, Mayor Butler has received only 13 letters favoring continued cablecasting and none against. Results of the city survey, the green forms and the cable survey are not yet available. If you know someone who watches, please do encourage them to write to the mayor. If you think the service should be offered (whether or not you have it available or watch) or have friends who do, write.

## LWV of Lake County - Position on Composting

While backyard composting should be strongly encouraged, education in this area must be stressed. Backyard composting can take several forms, the most desirable being dropping grass clippings while mowing. Instead of entering the waste stream, the clippings become a natural fertilizer. Another form of backyard composting is the individual compost bin or pile, but this must be regulated through nuisance ordinances that reflect community standards. Such ordinances should include provisions to control size, odor, distance from lot line, contents, animal pests, blowing materials, and the noise and vibration attendant on the use of clippers and grinders.

While the above are preferred methods of handling yard waste, areas which require any more extensive composting should emphasize small, local, well-managed operations. Sites should be located as close to the source of material as possible. This would eliminate long distance hauling and reduce the possibility of anaerobic conditions developing in bagged grass.

Truck traffic is one of the problems associated with large-scale composting. Sites should be located near major road systems. When yardwaste is hauled, it should be covered in transit to prevent escaping materials from creating a traffic hazard.

Current regulations may not be adequate to handle the scale of state-mandated composting operations. In order to ensure a well-run site which could be considered a good neighbor, hours of operation should be regulated to mitigate the potential annoyance of noise and vibration from trucks and other equipment. Regulations should be in place to discourage animal pests and to control blowing materials at the site. Odors must be minimized. The area should also be well-buffered and well away from any residence. In addition, no large-scale composting should be established in or near conservation, preservation or recreational areas. In order to protect our water resources, distance from the water table, rivers, and permeable soils should be regulated. Composting operations should not occur within the hundred-year flood plain and runoff must be controlled.

The League is concerned about the danger of possible pesticide and herbicide contamination of the compost and the spread of such contamination when the compost is used. Thus the League believes that the use of pesticides and herbicides should be regulated. FDA standards should be used initially until more definitive information on pesticide degradation is available. Commercial compost should not be used on food crops. Homeowners should minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides, and such treated material should be retained by the homeowner after use by means of mulching and leaving clippings on the lawn. Property owners who hire landscapers should request that they leave grass clippings on lawns and handle yard maintenance in the safest manner possible. All such companies should educate themselves on proper disposal techniques and the laws. All public and private generators of yard waste have the responsibility of keeping waste close to the point of origin; they must assume the cost for their decisions and be held responsible for any toxics used on their land. A local registry of substances used by companies and citizens would be a good way to determine what is being applied to lawns and trees in the community.

Governments at all levels should be involved in setting standards and regulations to protect the environment. The Federal government should mandate that each state produce plans for recycling and the composting of yardwaste, as well as provide education to ensure the success of these programs. State government should write regulations and set minimum standards. It should issue site permits and inspect and review sites to assure compliance with its regulations. The Department of Energy and Natural Resources should provide support through education and funding grants. The State has minimal but undeniable enforcement obligations; practically speaking, however, enforcement is best accomplished at the county or municipal level, where a shortened response time and greater concern can make for greater efficiency. The county should provide education and design programs as well as set more stringent regulations with strong and efficient enforcement. The Zoning Board of Appeals should hold public hearings and set such rules for Conditional Use Permits for compost sites as reflect public opinion. Municipal governments must provide leadership by preparing and enforcing regulations that are consistent with the standards.

Financial responsibility should rest primarily with the individual to encourage source reduction; municipalities should also be involved to guard against illegal disposal.

Large-scale composting should be operated by a combination of public and private interests, and the sites used can be either publicly or privately owned. However, since forest preserves exist for the purposes of preservation and recreation, the League believes that the Lake County Forest Preserve District should have no role in large-scale composting (1991 position).

## League of Women Voters of IL 1995 Legislative Priorities

### First Level Priorities

#### State Fiscal Policies

Illinois' revenue system place a disproportionate burden on low-income taxpayers and lacks the natural revenue growth necessary to keep up with the economy. As a result, Illinois faces critical problems, including Medicaid obligations; new state pension funding requirements; inadequate and inequitable school funding; inadequate funding for human services (particularly early intervention and prevention programs) and major infrastructure needs. A fairer and more productive revenue system is essential if Illinois citizens are to receive the services they want and need.

The League will support initiatives to:

- \*increase the income tax and make it more progressive.
- \*reform school funding to increase state funding and reduce financial disparities between districts.

The League will oppose initiatives to:

- \*limit the access of local governments to property tax revenue.
- \*divert state funds to non-public schools.

#### Election Laws

Support for: \*Statutes and procedures to implement the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act.

### Second Level Priorities

#### Children and Family/Social Policies

Support for: \*Early intervention and prevention programs.

- \*Coordinated and adequate state services.
- \*Initiatives that facilitate welfare to work.

Opposition to: \*Measures to eliminate grant increases for additional children born to women receiving public aid.

#### Reproductive Choice

Support for: \*Medicaid coverage of full reproductive health care services including abortion.

Opposition to: \*Parental notification/consent legislation.

### Third Level Priorities

The League will also work on selected legislation on the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, gun control and health care.



## Membership Form

YES, I want to be a part of helping informed citizens make a difference in government.

\_\_\_\_ Here's my check for an individual membership in the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff.  
My dues are enclosed.

\_\_\_\_ Patron (\$100.00)

\_\_\_\_ Senior (\$40.00)

\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Membership (\$60.00)

\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate (\$20.00)

\_\_\_\_ Regular Membership (\$45.00)

\_\_\_\_ In addition to my membership dues, I'd like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the League

\_\_\_\_ I can't join right now, but I'm enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the League.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and return it with this form to: LWV-Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, 400 E. Illinois Ave., Lake Forest, IL 60045. Because we lobby, membership dues and other contributions to the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff are not tax-deductible. For information, call 234-3510.

# Dates to Remember . . .

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| April  | 4 Election Day  |
|        | 8 Community 75th Steering Committee meeting, Gorton, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.                        |
|        | 12 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ann Hollis', 500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff      |
|        | 26-27 Legislative Seminar, Springfield  |
| May    | 6 LWV Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, 11:30 a.m. |
|        | 10 New Board-Old Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.   |
| June   | 2-4 League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention, Chicago                                    |
| August | 2 Kids First Health Fair  |

Don't forget collection of school supplies for the KIDS 1ST FAIR.  
Also cash contributions can be made to: "LWVIL Education Fund,"  
memo: "Lake County Kids 1st Health Fair."



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# League Lines

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## CELEBRATION! 75th Anniversary of a Woman's Right to Vote

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**75<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary**

### In Memoriam

The League regrets to announce  
the death of:

Eleanora Dahlman  
1911 - 1995

Eleanora, a League member for over 35  
years, died April 25, 1995, in Palm  
Springs, California. Memorial  
contributions may be made to:  
Zion Lutheran Church  
10 Deerfield Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015.

### The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

invites you to join us in celebration of  
the 75th anniversary of a woman's right to vote and  
to honor local women who have made a difference

### "Women's Emancipation Through Fashion" by fashion wit and raconteur Nancy Allen

Saturday, May 6, 1995

Port O' Call (Main Gate), Great Lakes Naval Training Center  
Sheridan Road, Great Lakes

Reception and Entertainment - 11:30

Luncheon and Fashion Show - 12:30

Tickets \$20.00 - Cash Bar

Call 234-3510 for reservations

You and your daughters (age 10 and older) will enjoy this event. Join us for  
personal appearances by historic figures, historic displays & entertainment  
to celebrate 75 years of women in action.

### Annual Meeting Highlights

On April 12, 1995, at the LWW-LF/LB Annual Meeting we passed the  
1995-1996 budget, revised the bylaws, elected new officers, and  
approved the program:

- ☐ a study of the nominating systems in both communities,  
with an emphasis in Lake Forest on a school caucus;
- ☐ action on gun control consistent with state and national positions;
- ☐ action to monitor use of wetlands and the flood plain in both  
communities; and
- ☐ action to monitor density issues in the comprehensive plans.



## League Lines

<b>President</b> Diane Lloyd	615-9182
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<b>Tax Reform/School Finance</b> Lorraine Bach	295-3210
<b>Voter Registration</b> Ginni Magda	295-6892
<b>LWV-Lake County Board Liaison</b> Peg Hafner	234-3525

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member. All members receive League Lines.

## President's Message . . .

Please read the annual report of our league on pages 4-5. My main message this month is "See you and your friends at the May 6 Luncheon!" You'll enjoy the personal appearances by Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Grace Lockwood, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard and more! We're arranging for historical displays and a women's barbershop group, and looking forward to a most entertaining program. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible! See you there!

## Women Who Make A Difference

### OUR GUESTS OF HONOR ON MAY 6

#### HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

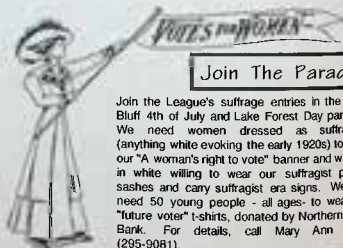
VIRGINIA FREDERICK & REAR ADMIRAL ROBERTA HAZARD

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KATHERINE AHPEE Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society  
LILACE REID BARNES YWCA

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VIRGINIA FREDERICK Women's Republican Club  
MARY LIZ CARNEY Gorton Community Center  
MARGUERITE STITT CHURCH Forest Bluff Garden Club  
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DEBBIE PENAR AND  
JAN SHIELDS Volunteer Bureau  
LORRAINE TWEED Lake Forest Caucus  
JEAN WASS International Club of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff  
MATHILDA WILLIAMS Lake Forest Women's Club



## Join The Parade!

Join the League's suffrage entries in the Lake Bluff 4th of July and Lake Forest Day parades. We need women dressed as suffragists (anything white evoking the early 1920s) to carry our "A woman's right to vote" banner and women in white willing to wear our suffragist purple sashes and carry suffragist era signs. We also need 50 young people - all ages - to wear our "future voter" t-shirts, donated by Northern Trust Bank. For details, call Mary Ann Kiehl (295-9081).

## League of Women Voters of Illinois



Make your plans to attend the LWVIL CONVENTION June 2-4  
at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago!



You will be able to participate in WORKSHOPS on:

- ☐ Dealing with Difficult People
- ☐ Political Extremism
- ☐ Voter Services
- ☐ How to Moderate Successful Meetings

You will VOTE on:

- ☐ proposed 1995-96 budget (which includes \$1.00 increase in dues)
- ☐ proposed by-laws amendments
- ☐ recommended program for 1995-97
- ☐ revision of criminal justice position



You will enjoy the SATURDAY NIGHT GALA at which:

- ☐ retiring senator Paul Simon will speak,
- ☐ the Citizens of Action Award will be presented to The Northern Trust Company, and
- ☐ the recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award will be announced.

## LWVIL Education Fund Diamond Anniversary Advisory Committee Announced

The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund Diamond Anniversary Advisory Committee honorary co-chairs have been announced. They are Brenda Edgar, Laurel Bellows, Newton Minow, and Adlai Stevenson. Committee members include: Joe Ahern, Kenneth Alderson, Joanne Alter, Ronald Bean, Margaret Blackshire, Cardiss Collins, Mayor Richard M. Daley, Loleta A. Didrickson, Governor Jim Edgar, Luis Gutierrez, Sharon Gilliam, Neil Hartigan, Christie Helmer, Carol Leifer, Sherren Leigh, Ruth Mugalain, David Orr, Desiree Rogers, John Stroger, Brooke Wiseman, Paula Wolff, and Sidney Yates.

### New Books

## New League Publication

Perry, Elisabeth Israels. Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers 1920-1980. Washington, DC: League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1995. This book addresses the relationships between women's activism and grassroots politics during the post-suffrage era. It celebrates the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment as well as the 75th anniversary of the League. In six chapters: The Place of Women in American Political History; Women's Social Welfare Movements After Suffrage; Rights for Women; Women in the Civil Rights Movement; Labor and the Economy; and Women in Peace Activism and International Affairs.

## Lake Michigan Inter-League Group (LMILG).

### Summary Statements of Position, 1994-95

LMILG is an interstate league serving Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin and technically including all local leagues in the Lake Michigan watershed. At its October annual meeting, held this year in Kenosha, delegates review current positions and recommend new studies. This year, the delegates approved task forces to review the current positions on power plants and dredging and shoreline management in advance of the 1995 annual meeting. The task forces can recommend new wording to revise, update or clarify a position; a restudy of part of a position; a consolidation of two or more positions; or an entire new study. The most recent LMILG newsletter and copies of the current position statements are in our mailbox at Gorton.

# LWV of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Annual Report, 1994-1995

## League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Annual Report, 1994-1995

**new members:** 19 - Carpenter, Loepp, Whiten, Brown, Pliml, Gretz, Kern, Kiehl, Olincy, Schatz, Ellwein, Cottone, Schuetz, Vanderaa, Snobrich, Rives, Ferg, Slayton, Kirkeide

**programs:** September 14: Illinois Issues (Membership Luncheon)  
State Representative Virginia Frederick  
October 6: Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling in Lake County  
Mark Loughmiller, Recycling Coordinator, SWALCO  
October 22: The League Walks with Lake Bluff Open Lands  
Carolyn Goetz, President, LBOLA  
November 3: Teens At Risk  
Dorothy Chantler, LFHS counselor; Youth Officers Fahey and Hughes, LFPD;  
Dr. Neil Mahoney, psychiatrist, Lake Forest Hospital  
December 8: Celebrating the 75th  
Eleanor Revelle, former president, LWVIL and current board member LWVUS  
February 13: Tea with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt  
Suzanne Hales, dramatist  
March 8: The Task of School Funding, joint meeting with AAUW  
Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District,

**brown bag lunches:** October 25: Leaf burning  
Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Max Slankard, Lake Forest Assistant to the City Manager  
November 29: Gun Control  
Barb Lippai, gun control specialist, LWVIL  
May (tba): Knollwood Annexation

**study:** leaf burning (in progress)

**voter service:** October 19, State Representative Candidates, Lachner and Wakefield  
February 22, Village and Park Board, Lake Bluff  
voter registration at Art Fair, LFHS  
3 new deputy registrars trained

**local action:**  
supported the LBOLA plan for the Skokie River Preserve and Trail in Lake Bluff  
supported cablecasting of District 65 APT meetings, Lake Bluff  
supported cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council meetings, Lake Forest  
responded to DoA public notice re Newell's Reserve development, Lake Forest  
provided county league position on composting to city committee



## LWV of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Annual Report, 1994-1995

other: prepared new nonpartisanship policy  
published new preschool and child care directory  
recruited funding, supplies and volunteers for the Lake County Kids First Fair  
sent representatives to Kids First Fair, moderator training, conflict resolution, United Way  
conference, legislative seminar, Illinois Voter project, Lake County League Board meetings  
responded to all state and national calls for action; conducted legislative interview with  
State Representative, Tom Lachner  
maintained a bridge club and, with AAUW, a CCFR foreign affairs study group  
75th anniversary activities -- on next page

### 75th Anniversary activities

appointed by Village of Lake Bluff and City of Lake Forest to lead a community suffrage committee of more  
to celebrate the suffrage anniversary

collected organizational histories from local women's organizations for publication in the fall or winter

arranged for local organizations to honor "Women Who Make A Difference" on May 6

began to explore an oral history project on cable television or audiotape

fund drive among league members for 75th activities collected over \$2000

community fund drive collected \$750 for May 6 event; additional financial support for parade entries;  
advertising space for August 26 anniversary of a woman's right to vote; and in kind for future events

prepared displays on woman suffrage and women in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff for May 6 and possibly later  
displays

organized: Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt in February  
Luncheon and fashion show "Women's Emancipation Through Fashion" in May  
Suffrage parade entries for July and August  
Tea with Suffragists in Glencoe on August 26

### Welcome New Members!

Leslie Kirkeide  
235 Surrey Lane, Lake Forest

Elaine Slayton  
811 Larchmont Court, Lake Forest

Kathy Smith  
303 East Woodland Rd., Lake Bluff

Peg Warren  
236 Park, Lake Forest

### From the Treasurer

Alice Sievert, Treasurer, reports that the financial books have  
been audited by Ann Hollis.

The bank records and reimbursements of the League of Women  
Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff as of March 9, 1995, were  
examined and found to be in agreement with the Treasurer's  
records and reports. The accounts payable were also audited  
and those transactions were found to be properly documented  
and records in good order.



## The League of Women Voters of the United States

75 Years

A Voice for Citizens: A Force for Change

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### FEATS AND FACTS

The League of Women Voters is one of America's unique and venerable political institutions. Throughout our 75-year history, our members have helped shape American political life. This factsheet gathers together a few of the memorable highlights illustrating what the League does and what we stand for.

**The Founding:** The League was founded in 1920 at the Chicago convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, six months prior to passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

*"Winning the vote is only an opening wedge . . . but to learn to use it is a bigger task."*

— Carrie Chapman Catt, Founder of the League of Women Voters, 1919

**First legislative victory:** Passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act in 1921, providing federal money for maternal and children's programs. This act offered proof that the League's grassroots lobbying and coalition-building were effective legislative tools.

*"Daily the lobby met, late in the afternoon of a hard day of work, and compared notes on the day and planned for the morrow. Daily they consulted as to how soon it would be safe to press for a vote, as to the best way of meeting the opposition that came from a belief that the states should not be helped in this work by the federal government."*

— Dorothy Kirchwey Brown, Chairman of the League's Child Welfare Committee, 1921

**Most recent legislative victory:** The 1993 passage of the National Voter Registration Act, also known as "motor voter." This bill will help enfranchise millions of Americans who have been shut out of the political process by making voter registration more uniform and accessible.

*"When the barriers are broken down — and this legislation breaks them down — citizens will be able to assume their rightful place at the center of our nation's experiment in democratic government."*

— Becky Cain, League president, at the White House signing ceremony, 1993

**Most famous member:** Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and active member of the New York League.

**Hardest-won victory:** Passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution — a 72-year struggle to obtain the right to vote for women. The amendment was ratified on August 26, 1920.

*"Let us be thankful we are voters today in this world of turmoil and unrest. There has not been a time in our generation when such opportunities have been presented to the voters, such need for wise judgement and final intelligent actions based on careful investigation and sober thought."*

— Maud Wood Park, first president of the League, 1920

**Most courageous stand:** In response to the abuses of President Truman's Loyalty Program, the League developed a program to educate citizens about their individual rights. In 1955 League president Percy Maxim Lee testified against Senator Joseph McCarthy's abuse of congressional investigative powers.

*"I believe tolerance and respect for the opinions of others is being jeopardized by men and women whose instincts are worthy patriotic, but whose minds are apparently unwilling to accept the necessity for dissent within a democracy."*

— Percy Maxim Lee, League president,

testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, 1955

*Changing with the Times* (One year after its founding in 1911, the League opposed the proposed Equal Rights Amendment, fearing that it would adversely affect hard-won gains like protecting women in unorganized, unskilled jobs. Later, the League's push for civil rights led to a parallel move vigorously for ratification of the amendment.

*"We will turn our frustration and anger over the denial of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment into determined efforts to achieve ERA's goals through other means."*

~ Dorothy Ridings, *League president,*  
*International Women's Year Conference in Houston, 1977*

**Most frequent misunderstanding about the League:** That taking positions on political issues makes us partisan. The League is a nonpartisan organization: we don't support parties or candidates. Nonpartisan does not mean nonpolitical, however. After studying and debating issues, the League develops consensus positions that we then actively work to support through grassroots lobbying.

*"Is the [League] political? Certainly, but not partisan. Its members are as free as other women to join and vote with the party of their choice. They make no pledge otherwise in joining the League."*

~ Carrie Chapman Catt, 1919

**First League-sponsored televised presidential debate:** 1976 debates between Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, for which the League won an Emmy Award. These debates followed a tradition of providing voter information; in 1928 the League sponsored "Meet the Candidates," the first national radio broadcast of a candidate forum.

**How the League reaches its positions:** A two-year process of study and consensus. At its biennial convention, the League selects issues to be studied. After conducting a nationwide study involving massive information gathering and public dialogue, the study committee develops a questionnaire. Each League then debates the issue to arrive at a consensus. This consensus is neither a simple majority nor unanimity; rather, it is the "sense of the group" as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions.

**The League of Women Voters Education Fund:** Established in 1957, the Education Fund is dedicated to increasing citizen understanding of major public policy issues and to promoting citizen involvement in government decision making. To further this mission, the Education Fund conducts research and produces publications on a variety of environmental, social, international and government issues.

**Best slogan: "Take Back the System."** In 1992, with the voters' confidence and involvement in the electoral system at an all-time low, the League of Women Voters Education Fund launched its Take Back the System campaign in an effort to reverse this trend.

*"Our energy, experience and enthusiasm will be contagious. Our democracy will be stronger and better for the effort we make. It's our system. It was designed to work for us — and be responsive to us. It's time to take it back."*

~ Susan Lederman, *League president, 1991*

**Most pervasive myth:** There are no men in the League. In 1974, the League's bylaws were changed to allow men to join. Several men have since served as state League presidents.

**Technological changes:** In 1921, Carrie Chapman Catt used three quarts of ink in conducting her correspondence; in 1959, the League used 110 pounds of mimeograph ink; in 1994, League computer printers used 21 laser cartridges — in addition, we are conducting more and more of our grassroots correspondence via the Internet. By 1996 we hope to have voter information on-line across the country.

**The League's three wishes:**

- 100 percent voter turnout in elections
- fair and informative political campaigns
- more women and minorities in public office

# Dates to Remember . . .

- |        |     |   |
|--------|-----|---|
| May    | 6   | LWW Historic Fashion Show & 75th Celebration, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, 11:30 a.m. |
|        | 10  | New Board-Old Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  |
| June   | 2-4 | League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention, Chicago                                      |
|        | 3   | 75th Anniversary Gala, Bismarck Hotel, Chicago  |
| July   | 4   | Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade - join the League and march in the parade!                    |
| August | 2   | Kids First Health Fair  |
|        | 2   | Lake Forest Day - another chance to march with the League!                                  |
|        | 26  | Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea - Glencoe  |



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# League Lines

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## SPECIAL SUMMER BULLETIN OF UPCOMING EVENTS!



### Box Luncheon Discussion with State Representative Thomas Lachner

Tuesday, July 11th  
11:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

Community Room, Lake Bluff Public Safety Bldg.  
(45 E. Center Avenue across from the Lake Bluff Village Hall)

Lachner will discuss issues of education reform, crime, legislative ethics, welfare reform and the state budget. All league members and residents of the district are invited to attend.

A box lunch from Scranton Cafe will be available by preorder for \$6.00. The lunch will include a choice of ham, turkey, roast beef, tuna salad or chicken salad sandwich; a choice of cole slaw, potato salad or chips; a canned drink; and dessert will be provided. For reservations and lunch orders, call Susan Garrett (295-4001) and if purchasing a lunch, send your check (for \$6.00 payable to LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff) to: LWV Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, 400 East Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

You are encouraged to park in the lot at Artesian Park rather than in front of the Public Safety Building. To get to the lot, going east on Center Ave. pass the Public Safety Building to the first stop sign. Turn right onto Evanston; go to the next stop sign. Turn right onto Prospect (which will take you into Artesian Park).

### Caucus Study Needs You . . .

The first meeting of the Caucus Study Committee will be the evening of July 11th at 7:30 pm at Gorton Community Center. All league members interested in this study are encouraged to attend. For further information, call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062).

### Kids 1st Health Fair . . .

If you have not yet phoned Pati Pihl (362-1700) or Sallie Hamm (362-6993) to volunteer for the Kids 1st Health Fair on August 2nd, now is the time. There are three shifts: 8:45 am - 12:30 pm; 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm; and 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm (usually ending before 8:00 pm).

### March with the League!

Join us for our suffrage anniversary entry in the Lake Bluff 4th of July Centennial Parade and the August 2 Lake Forest Day Parade. A special invitation is extended to any daughters who would like to march with their moms. Northern Trust has provided "Future Voter" tee-shirts for them and we have suffragist purple sashes for anyone else marching. Join us for one parade or both. To sign up or for further information, call Mary Ann Kiehl (295-9081).

Voter registration will take place after the 4th of July Parade in Lake Bluff. Any interested registrars, please call Ginri Magda (295-6892).



## Northern Trust Reception for the League

On Thursday, August 24 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Northern Trust Bank, Lake Forest will host a reception for the League to mark the suffrage anniversary. We have worked with the bank staff and will honor Lake Forest and Lake Bluff women who have served as elected and appointed government officials. Reservations are limited, so please call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) if you would like to attend. We will call to confirm your reservation if there are spaces. Suffrage materials collected by the League will be displayed in the lobby on that day and for the following week.

## Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea in Glencoe - You're Invited!

You loved her at Great Lakes. Now see Annette Kolansinski (who played Susan B. to rave reviews) present a 50-minutes program including five suffragists: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, Lucretia Mott and Alice Paul. Our league is one of several sponsors of a summer tea with these wonderful women which will be held on Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 am at the Glencoe Women's Library Club, 325 Tudor Court in Glencoe. Cost of the tea and program is only \$5.00 per person. See you there!

## State Committee to Review Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice

Are you looking for a short term project? Dying to sink your teeth into a meaty public policy issue? Want a chance to work with interested, thoughtful people from around the state? If your answer is yes, this project may be for you. A state committee is being formed to review the LWVIL position on Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice. The committee will begin its work in the fall, meeting about five times over the course of six months to prepare a statement in time for the 1996 Interim Council. Expertise on the topic is not required. If you are interested, call Betsy Lassar at 708/432-5740.

## Dates to Remember . .

- July 4: Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade - Be a suffragist - bring a future voter!  
Voter Registration after the parade
- July 11: Box luncheon discussion with State Representative Tom Lachner, Community Room,  
Lake Bluff Public Safety Building, 11:00 am -1:00 p.m.  
Caucus Study Committee, Gorton Community Center, 7:30 pm
- August 2: Kids 1st Health Fair  
Lake Forest Day Parade - Be a suffragist - bring a future voter!
- August 24: Reception for the League given by Northern Trust Bank, Lake Forest, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- August 27: Suffrage Anniversary Celebration Tea, Glencoe Women's Library Club, 11:00 am
- September 7: Meeting with City Managers Robert Kiely and Kent Street, Lake Forest Fire Station, 7:30 pm
- September 19: Brown Bag lunch at Gorton, 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm
- September 26: Parliamentary Training, Gorton Community Center, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- September 27: LWVIL Regionals in Libertyville/Mundelein



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WE NEED  
YOU!

## Registrars Needed for Art Fair

This year once again the League will be registering voters at the Lake Forest Art Fair on September 3-4 in Market Square.

Any current registrars who are able to help please contact Ginnie Magda at 295-6892.



## League to Hold Joint Community Discussion

Wednesday, September 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Lake Forest Fire Station (Telegraph Rd.)

The League will be hosting an informal joint community discussion with City Manager Robert Kiely and Village Administrator Kent Street on Wednesday, September 6th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Fire Station on Telegraph Road. Kiely and Street will provide an update of current plans for their respective communities. Following their discussion, members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

League president Diane Lloyd said, "It's tradition for the League to hold this meeting. We believe it's an unique opportunity to hear from both communities at the same time and hope that many residents will attend." Please call Susan Garrett at 295-4001 to make a reservation.

## Affordable Senior Housing Overview

The League will be sponsoring an "Overview of Affordable Senior Housing" on Tuesday, September 19th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Gorton Community Center in the Friends' Room. Guest speakers will be Lake Forest alderman Abigail Fassnacht, Lake Forest Plan Commissioner Corinne Wood and Chuck Crook, Director of Community Development in Lake Forest.



Both Mrs. Fassnacht and Mrs. Wood (who are League members) have been involved in on-going senior housing discussions and studies for several years and currently serve on the Senior Housing Commission in Lake Forest. "We have explored many sites appropriate for affordable senior housing and are determined to create an attractive solution," commented Alderman Fassnacht.

All members and guests are invited. Please bring a brown bag lunch. To make a reservation, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001.



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*The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.*

*At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.*

*All members receive League Lines.*

## President's Message . . .

What would we include in a yardstick to measure the health of democracy in local communities?  
What institutions and patterns of civic behavior lead to a healthy score and what strategies could be used to strengthen those institutions and behaviors in all communities?  
What kinds of projects could be designed to stimulate greater citizen involvement?  
What would we include in an aggressive citizen education and voter turnout strategy?

"An Initiative to Renew Democracy" is the title of a campaign proposal from the national office that would focus the league's efforts on coming to grips with the lack of confidence in government replacing the cynicism, anger and rhetoric with reasoned public policy debate. The initiative would be launched at the 1996 National Convention in Chicago and would include an emphasis on legislative priorities such as campaign finance reform that further the initiative. Strategy sessions at convention, training, technical assistance and pass-through grants to enhance local and state participation would all be part of the campaign. Let a board member know what you think.

## Fall Membership Luncheon

Thursday, September 14

at the home of

Linda Bartmes

242 Ravine Forest Drive, Lake Bluff

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

-- Bring a friend or prospective member--  
Please respond to Judy Grisamore (234-3510).

## Parliamentary Procedure Workshop



Tuesday, September 26

Gorton Community Center

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Does the thought of an out-of-control meeting concern you? Do you long for more effective and efficient meetings? Learn the essentials of parliamentary procedure and the manners of good meetings from a pro. This is a good session for the earnest beginner as well as a refresher for the more experienced. Cosponsored by the League and the Senior Center, this free workshop will be held at Gorton Community Center. Please call the Senior Center by Thursday, September 21 to reserve a space (234-2209). The Senior Center will serve lunch at 12:00 p.m. if you are interested in making a reservation for lunch, please call the Center. Lunch is \$3.50 per person.



## Local Issues and Update

### Study Opportunities

**Local Nominating Procedures Study Group:** Our League's local study of candidate selection procedures in our two communities is just getting underway. We welcome - and need - the participation of League members from both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Please join us at our meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Center.

To date a small group of us have met a few times over the summer and have developed a survey to be used this fall in polling a broad spectrum of communities, both local and in other regions, to explore what varieties of candidate selection processes are in use. This timely study promises to be of great interest and benefit to our two communities. Please join us and help to whatever extent your schedule permits. Call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062) for more information.

**Knollwood Annexation:** We will review and discuss the December 1994 Analysis of the Fiscal Impact of Knollwood Annexation Report, to see if it has a bearing on the existing League position which supports Knollwood annexation to Lake Bluff.

If you would like to participate, please phone Alice Sievert, 234-4133, as soon as possible, to obtain a copy of the report and to state your preference for either Thursday, September 21 or Friday, September 22 for an 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting at Alice's home. Coffee, juice, baked goods, etc. will be ready at 7:30 a.m.

## Welcome New Members!

Kathleen M. Richer

540 Lakeland Dr., LB

Mary Clark

315 E. Woodland Rd., LB

Kathryn Friedberg

1345 Kajer Ln., LF

Adrianna Faifer

PO Box 618, LF

Mary L. Hunt

1797 Everett Rd., LF

Dorothy T. Whalley

222 E. Orwentsia, LF

Susan B. Ross

737 Timberlane, LF

## We Won!

LWF Lake Forest/Lake Bluff won three awards at the State League Convention in June:

- outstanding fundraiser (for our May celebration of suffrage and women who make a difference);
- best appearance for a large league newsletter; and
- honorable mention for growth in membership. Congratulations!

## Bridge Anyone?

Anyone interested in playing with the League bridge group, please contact Margie Olincy at 234-0624.

## Thanks!

... to organizer Mary Ann Kiehl and to our 4th of July<sup>4</sup> and Lake Forest Day suffrage celebration marchers:

Hillary, Hannah and Abby Alley  
Claire Booth  
Angie, Maria and Tony Buonafede  
Claire Burke  
Molly and Michael Butler  
Janelle Cooper  
Molly Cyphers  
Dwyer and Jennifer Gunn  
Kristen Hickey  
Liz Hinchman  
Katie Kaltsas

Laurel and Whitney Kiehl  
Carolyn Lloyd  
Emily Magnuson  
Katelyn, Kelly and Shauna McCarthy  
Mallory Meinen  
Jessica and Nadine Oddi  
Audrey Olenick  
Christina and Stephanie Owen  
Lily Peterson  
Emma Slayton  
Kelly Stevenson  
Emily Storm

Meg Vallaly  
Patty Butler  
Judy Grisamore  
Martha Hinchman  
Joan Kaltsas  
Mary Ann Kiehl  
Eleanor Knight  
Diane Lloyd  
Pat Meinen  
Elaine Slayton  
Royce Wood

## LWV- Lake County: Issues and Update

A preliminary report from Eleanor Knight is that over 1700 children were served at the Kids' 1st Fair! 140 volunteers helped make this possible. A more complete report will follow next month.



### Lake County Study

Want to learn more about Lake County land use, growth patterns and transportation systems? Join the League of Women Voters of Lake County to study and educate the membership about Lake County today. If interested, call Jean Baenziger, study chair, for details at 945-8197.

## Great Decisions . . .



What: Great Decisions

When: Friday, September 8, 1995

Where: Betty Buker's  
485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3  
Lake Forest

Questions? Betty Buker 234-4509

Great Decisions is an interest group, sponsored jointly by AAUW and LWV of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, to discuss the topics of the Foreign Policy Association study guide. After taking a vacation in August, Great Decisions will resume meetings on September 8th. Topics to be read and discussed are:

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| September 8: | United Nations at Fifty: Reaching Out or Overreaching? |
| October 13:  | Nuclear Proliferation: Can It Be Capped?               |
| November 10: | Promoting Democracy: America's Mission?                |

After November an interval will occur until February when the study guide for 1996 will be available and the meetings will resume.

## Celebrate the 75th!

### You're Invited to a Tea Party!

To further celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, a special celebration - a tea party will be held October 29th at the Lincolnshire Marriott. This event is being planned by the Lake County Women's Coalition. In conjunction with the October celebration, there is to be a kick-off event of march around the inside of Gurnee Mills on August 26th, the actual date the Amendment was signed. If you'd like to join the marchers, please bring your own placard. For more information, contact Shirley Williams, LWV-Lake County president (945-8049).



### Time is Running Out . . .

... On your opportunity to attend the Barrington Area CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH with SUZANNE CALDER Sunday, September 17, 1995, 11:30 a.m. at the Barn of Barrington (1415 South Barrington Road, Barrington, IL). If you wish to attend, a check for \$25.00 must be sent before August 30th. Send checks to LWVBA PO Box 1501, Barrington, IL. ACT FAST! SEATING IS LIMITED! This is another event to celebrate our 75th anniversary.

## LWVIL- State Issues and Update

At convention, delegates requested the state board oppose cuts in Amtrak service. After research, it appears that the most effective way to influence the debate is for individuals to write their own members of Congress, Senators Mosely-Braun and Simon, and the President. They need to know the impact such service cuts would make on people's lifestyles.



### Looking for a Golden Opportunity?

Would you like an opportunity to wrestle with substantive public policy issues? Would you like to contribute and/or develop expertise and skills while engaged in a worthwhile pursuit? Would you enjoy working with other thoughtful League members from around the state? Being on a state-wide committee or task force can be just the opportunity you are looking for.

LWVIL is in the process of forming two committees and a task force to implement three new action items adopted by the 1995 State Convention for the 1995-97 biennium: a Working Committee on State Tax and School Funding Reform, an Action Focus on Breaking the Cycle of Violence and a Task Force on Senior Care.

If you are interested in working on one of these items, call the League Office at 312-939-5935 or LWVIL Program VP Betsy Lassar at 708-432-5740.

### Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

*"The problem of violence in America is unlike that in any other developed country . . . The interaction of poverty, racism, drugs and alcohol, the loss of jobs with decent wages in our inner cities, gangs, inadequate handgun regulation, lack of personal opportunity and responsibility, disinvestment in schools and after-school activities and family violence play a critical role on our culture of violence."* (Chicago Tribune, 12/18/93)

Join the League's Violence Prevention Action Focus of Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children! Help us research the causes and effects of violence against children - both on the child and society. Work with us in identifying and evaluating current prevention programs. Assist in the development of our action program -- Keeping Our Children Safe.

In the first year of this action focus, we will prepare educational materials on violence against children, the causes and effects. We will research such topics as drug abuse, alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, violence in the home, neglect, poverty, the entertainment industry and guns. Plan to meet experts at our committee meetings!

Phase two will focus on what local leagues can do in our communities and across Illinois to keep our children safe. How can we plug into Illinois' Violence Prevention Act? What in-place programs work? We plan to present a menu of items for local league action!

Ambitious? Yes! Do-able? Absolutely! All we need are enthusiastic members who are vitally interested in kids' issues and breaking the cycle of violence in America! So join us! Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the State office. Call Barb Lippai (708/432-8185) or Mary McLaughlin (708/381-1443) with your suggestions, comments . . . and to tell us you're joining us!

Walk Against Handgun Violence  
September 10 - 1:00 p.m.  
Pioneer Court on Michigan Avenue  
for further information, contact:  
Barb Lippai, 432-8185

## LWVIL- State Issues and Update

LWVIL is working on more effective ways to connect the work of our legislative specialists with local Leagues and interested League members. Accordingly, we have developed the Grassroots Advocacy form (below) as a tool to help activate interested Leaguers, as well as a possible networking tool.

### GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY 1995-96

*From time to time, particularly when the state legislature is in session, LWVIL Legislative Specialists have important information to share and need to mobilize grassroots action on League issues. If you are interested in any of the issues listed and would like to be contacted, please complete the form below. This is a new form which we anticipate updating annually.*

Count me in! I am interested in receiving information and taking action on the following state issues:  
(Check all that apply)

☐ Child Welfare  
☐ Criminal Justice  
☐ Election Laws  
☐ Environment/Natural Resources  
☐ Fiscal Policy/Tax Reform  
☐ Gun Control

☐ Health Care  
☐ Juvenile Justice  
☐ Mental Health  
☐ Reproductive Choice  
☐ School Funding  
☐ Social Policy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_

Your League portfolio: \_\_\_\_\_

Your State Legislature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Mail completed form to LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604, or fax to 312-939-6887.

### Update on ERA

At the state level, the Equal Rights Amendment, HJR 14 CA, was reintroduced with bi-partisan sponsorship in the Illinois House this past spring. There are five primary co-sponsors, led by Louis Lang (D-Skokie). It is currently in the House Executive Committee and was not heard this spring.

At the national level, Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) has reintroduced the ERA in the Senate without a time limit for ratification. Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ) has introduced a resolution in the House stating that if three more states ratify ERA, Congress will take whatever action may be necessary to validate ratification.

For more information, call Pat Polos, ERA Illinois (312/262-6039).



When time is of essence in contacting your members of Congress, you can call them at this toll-free number: 1-800-972-3524.

## LWVIL 47th BIENNIAL CONVENTION SUMMARY

The 47th Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois was held June 3-4, 1995, at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago, IL.

### Plenary Sessions

The LWVIL Budget for 1995-96 in the amount of \$135,185.00 was adopted. PMP for 1995-96 will be \$17.50; PMP for 1996-97 will be \$18.00.

Bylaws were amended to change the wording in four articles. Each would require that convention materials be mailed *six weeks*, instead of the current two-months, prior to the convention and council.

Program: The recommended program items and one not-recommended item were adopted. The delegates voted to retain the current positions with a concurrence on the proposed revision of the Criminal Justice position. The program for the 1995-97 biennium will include:

#### A Working Committee on State Tax and School Funding Reform

Education of members and the public; advocacy at the state level; work with state-wide coalitions; support local Leagues who choose to work actively on these issues.

#### An Action Focus on Breaking the Cycle of Violence: Promote efforts to prevent violence in all forms in the lives of children:

Education of members and the public; collaboration to bring about changes in local communities; lobbying at federal, state and local levels.

#### A Task Force on Senior Care

A) to develop a survey to be used by local Leagues to identify needs and strategies for living and care options for the elderly, and

B) to recommend what, if any, future activities LWVIL should undertake.

### Two Will of Convention motions were passed. LWVIL will:

Support Cook County and Chicago Leagues' health care reform efforts by distributing periodic information to local Leagues;

Provide guidance and encouragement to local Leagues to speak to their legislators regarding the lack of reasoned discussion and public input in the legislative process during this past session.

LWVIL Officers and Board Members and Nominating Committee were elected unanimously. Delegates also voted to re-nominate LWVIL Past President Eleanor Revelle to the Board of Directors of the LWVUS.

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The facilitator training opportunity and other workshops were well received. The address by Deborah Leff of the Joyce Foundation on campaign finance reform is available by request from the LWVIL office.

**THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WAS GREAT!!!!**

## REGIONALS 1995

Get a jump start on the 1995-96 League year by joining LWV members at the fall REGIONAL nearest you. REGIONALS provide background on priority issues, '90s techniques for League activities, and, per your requests, time to network with other League members. Study the schedule below and make plans to join us in September.

### HOST LEAGUES and DATES

Decatur	Saturday, September 23rd
Libertyville/Mundelein	Wednesday, September 27th
LaGrange	Saturday, September 30th

### SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30	Registration/Coffee
9:30 - 11:15	Workshops
11:30 - 12:45	Lunch/Informal Networking
1:00 - 2:00	General Session: Violence Prevention

(\*1 hour later in Decatur)

### WORKSHOPS

#### • Leadership Development •

Is getting people to say "yes" -- to join, to help, or to lead -- a problem? Your prospective member, volunteer or Board member will say "YES!" more often when you take home proven strategies, cutting-edge ideas and hot tips from this LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT workshop. Ideal for Presidents, Board members, Nominating Committee members and others who want to help ensure fresh recruits for a re-energized League.

#### • Who's In Charge? •

Does the thought of an "out of control" forum or candidate debate concern you? How will changes in the Open Meetings Act impact public meetings? Attend this VOTER SERVICE workshop to gain insight into: ☐ Recognizing "stealth" candidates and managing their participation in a forum ☐ Formats for moderating and/or facilitating public meetings ☐ Everything that you need to know about holding--or attending--a public meeting.

#### • Are We Having Fun Yet: Fundraising Tips and Techniques •

Does the mere thought of "fundraising" make you cringe? Have you said, "I'll do anything for the League, but not fundraising!" This workshop will focus on proven strategies for success in fundraising that will improve three parts of the League's operation: the program, the membership, and the publicity. You will also discover the "fun" in fundraising by examining some of the successful fundraisers that other League's have conducted.

#### • Local Action •

What is League "action"? Which action model should you use - advocacy, facilitation, community education? How can action help your League be more visible and attract new members? Join us to learn how to select and construct a visible local action campaign. We'll examine successful League action projects and help you design one for your community.

### GENERAL SESSION

#### • Violence Prevention •

Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children: A report card on the state of Illinois. How are we doing -- what are we doing? How does the 1995 Violence Prevention Act affect our children? What actions can a local League initiate to help their community?

### COST and REGISTRATION

The cost of this action-packed day of condensed learning, sharing and fun is **\$17.00 per person** (box lunch included). Please **postmark your registrations 10 days in advance of meeting date** to avoid the **\$2.00 per person late fee**. Contact your local League president to register. Or call the state office at 312/939-5935. A **\$2.00 per person refund charge** will be deducted from any refunds, no refunds can be issued for cancellations received after the 72-hour catering deadline.

**LWY-LF/LB 1995-1996 CALENDAR**

- Aug. 24 - Women in Government reception, 5:00 - 6:30, Northern Trust Bank  
Aug. 27 - Suffrage Celebration, 2:00 - 4:00, Glencoe Women's Library Club
- Sept. 3, 4 - Voter Registration, Deerpath Art Fair  
Sept. 6 - Community Update, 7:30 to 9:00, Lake Forest Fire Station  
Sept. 14 - Membership Salad Luncheon  
Sept. 17 - Champagne Brunch with Suzanne Calder, 11:30, Barrington  
Sept. 19 - Brown bag lunch: Overview of Senior Housing in Lake Forest, 11 - 1, Gorton  
Sept. 26 - Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 1:00-3:00, Gorton  
Sept. 27 - LWVIL Regional Workshop, 9:00 - 2:00, Libertyville/Mundelein  
Sept. 29 - LMLG Annual Meeting, Chicago
- Oct. 5 - Our Caucuses and How They Work, 7:30-9:00, Gorton  
October 6 - last day to register voters  
October 16 - absentee voting begins  
October - Knollwood breakfast meeting or brown bag lunch (date to be announced)  
October (late) - candidate forums, if any
- November 7 - election day  
November 14 - Addressing The Needs of Our Teens
- December 13 - Holiday Luncheon, "Women Won the Vote"
- February - Violence Prevention (date to be announced)  
February 19 - last day to register voters  
February 26 - absentee voting begins
- March 16 - Women's History Month Brunch  
March - Capitol Steps fundraiser  
March 19 - General Primary Election  
March - Voter service activities for primary in late March
- April 10 - Annual Meeting Pot Luck  
April 17, 18 - LWVIL Interim Council and Legislative Seminar, Springfield
- May 8 - New Board, Old Board meeting  
May - Symposium on Property Tax (date to be announced)
- June 8 -12 - LWVUS Convention in Chicago
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# Dates to Remember . . .

- Aug. 24 - Women in Government reception, 5:00 - 6:30, Northern Trust Bank
- Aug. 27 - Suffrage Celebration, 2:00 - 4:00, Glencoe Women's Library Club
- Sept. 3, 4 - Voter Registration, Deerpath Art Fair
- Sept. 6 - Community Update, 7:30 to 9:00, Lake Forest Fire Station
- Sept. 14 - Membership Salad Luncheon
- Sept. 17 - Champagne Brunch with Suzanne Calder, 11:30, Barrington
- Sept. 19 - Brown bag lunch: Overview of Senior Housing in Lake Forest, 11 - 1, Gorton
- Sept. 26 - Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 1:00-3:00, Gorton
- Sept. 27 - LWVIL Regional Workshop, 9:00 - 2:00, Libertyville/Mundelein
- Sept. 29 - LMLG Annual Meeting, Chicago



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# League Lines

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## In Memoriam

Esther Velde

1904-1995

Esther Velde, president of the Lake Bluff League from 1950-1952, died August 25, 1995.

Esther is fondly remembered by Lake Bluff League members as an intelligent and lively person. She was born in Cripple Creek, CO, where her father was a mining engineer. She attended the Universities of Arizona and Colorado. Both she and her husband James A. Velde, a retired Chicago lawyer, worked at Hull House in Chicago during the life of its founder, Jane Adams. She was also a member of the governing board of Hull House and vice president of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mary Margaret Finn Velde Uyek of New York; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters.



## LAKE COUNTY WOMEN'S COALITION

A CELEBRATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

### It Started with a Tea Party

Sunday, October 29, 1995

2pm to 4pm

at the Lincolnshire Marriott

Guest Speaker

The Honorable Justice Mary Ann G. McMorro

of the State of Illinois Supreme Court

Donation \$15.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LAKE COUNTY WOMEN'S COALITION  
c/o BARBARA DAHL, 98 SOUTH HIGHWAY #45, GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 13

## Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

Tuesday, September 26  
Gorton Community Center  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cosponsored by the League and the Senior Center

For reservations: call the Senior Center (234-2209)  
by Thursday, September 21.

If you are interested in making a reservation for  
lunch, please call the Center.  
Lunch is \$3.50 per person.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

We are off to a running start again this fall and invite you to take time to sample some of what the League has to offer. Susan Garrett and Cindy Morehead have planned an excellent lineup of programs and brown bags.

And thanks to Lorraine Bach, not only did we have our community update and senior housing brown bag on cable, but we are also looking forward to a cablecast forum this month for candidates in the contested Lake Forest District 67 school board election. And now you can tune in to Lake Forest Cable's information channel #17 for information about League programs.

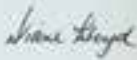
Special thanks to Char Kreuz and Joan Kaltsas who took time this summer to help identify the 250+ local

women who have served in elected and appointed government positions. Without their background work, we could never have put together the outstanding reception at Northern Trust. And now we have a permanent record of the women who have served that we can deposit in both of our libraries and in our own files.

Thanks also to Phyllis Albrecht and Alice Sievert from the league and to Barbara Davis (City of Lake Forest), Sue Goursd (D115), Joyce Liens (D65), Pauline Thorsen (Village of Lake Bluff) and Ann Whipple (D67) for their invaluable assistance in identifying names and addresses. Lorraine Bach, Judy Grisamore, Susan Kessler hosted for the League and Carolyn Lloyd helped with the suffrage displays.

Judy Grisamore has been working steadily this fall on the thankless task of collecting our membership renewals and the more exciting job of recruiting new members. Last year Judy won an award for our league for the largest increase in new members in the state.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, do it today, and save Judy some work! And, just as importantly, please forward to Judy the names of anyone you know who is seeking intelligent company or worthwhile work and who might enjoy League membership!



## WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

More than 60 Lake Forest and Lake Bluff women who have served in elected and appointed government positions joined the League and officers of Northern Trust Bank for a champagne reception to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment on August 24.

Of just over 250 local women who have served since the 1920s, 120 still have local addresses and more than half were able to join us in late summer to mark the date! We celebrated the occasion by reminiscing about the achievements and some of the hurdles there were to jump. We renewed acquaintances and marked our own "firsts":

Women who were the first to serve in the particular position include:

### In Lake Forest:

Virginia Frederick, Alderman (1974-78) and State Representative (1978-95)  
Sue Gravenhorst, University of Illinois Board of Trustees (1984-present)  
Mary Casselberry, City Supervisor (1988-91)  
Mary Ann Hodgkins, Plan Commission (1980-81)  
Grace Murray, Zoning Board of Appeals (1980-83)  
Beverly Jane Sanchez and Nancy Paul, Construction Codes Commission (1994-present)  
Anne Adams, Cemetery Commission (1975-79)  
Virginia Clarke, Building Review board (1982-83)  
Kimberly Tunney, Lake Forest Cable Commission (1991)

### In Lake Bluff:

Theresa Yakes, Shields Township Assessor (current)  
Sybil Yastrow, Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Phyllis Albrecht, Village Trustee (1973-81) and Village President (1981-85)  
Babette Rosenthal, Village Clerk (1975-77) and Shields Township Trustee  
Helen LaCroix, Architectural Board of Review (1982)  
Virginia Brodbeck, Plan Commission (1972)  
Mary Clark, Zoning Board of Appeals (1980-82)  
Betty Ferris (1957-61) and Margaret McGhie (1957-63), Park Board

## PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES ADDRESSED

### ☐ KNOLLWOOD ANNEXATION

#### Annexation Review

Alice Sievert announces a meeting to review the League's position on the annexation of Knollwood. The group will look at a cost analysis and other issues. The breakfast meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. on September 21 at Alice's home (233 E. Washington Ave., Lake Bluff). Possibly more than one meeting will be needed. Call Alice if you plan to attend (234-4133).

#### Public Meeting Moderated by League

A public meeting on the issue of Knollwood annexation will be held on October 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the West School in Knollwood. The League has been asked to moderate the meeting. Citizens must present their questions in writing.

#### Petitions

Petitions both FOR and AGAINST the annexation of Knollwood can be signed at the West School.

### ☐ LOCAL NOMINATING PROCEDURES SYMPOSIUM

The League will be hosting a symposium, "How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures," on Thursday, October 5th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Community Center. Guest speakers will provide a review of the caucus process of nominating candidates for municipal offices and school boards in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff and an overview of candidacies not endorsed by a caucus.

Panel members will include M. David Cain, President of the Lake Forest Caucus; Glen Alexander, President of the Lake Bluff School Caucus; and elected officials who ran as independent candidates, Richard Ernest, Lake Forest Alderman, and Douglas Schuetz, Lake Bluff Village Trustee.

Background information on the Lake Bluff Park District Caucus and the Lake Bluff Village Progressive Party Caucus will be given by Phyllis Albrecht, former Village of Lake Bluff Board President. Information will be provided on how citizens become candidates without the endorsement of any formal organization.

"How We Become Candidates" is part of the League's current study of reviewing local nominating procedures. If you are interested in participating in the League study, call Phyllis Albrecht at 234-7062. If you plan to attend the symposium on October 5th, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001. The symposium will be cablecast.

### ☐ CANDIDATES' FORUM FOR DISTRICT 67 SCHOOL BOARD

Lake Forest Lake Bluff League of Women Voters is sponsoring a CANDIDATES' FORUM for candidates for the Lake Forest District 67 School Board on Thursday, October 12 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Friends' Room at Gorton Community Center.

### ☐ ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

A workshop to be led by Circuit Judge Raymond McKoski, Greg Light and Mark Montenegro will give information on various forms of alternatives to traditional sentencing. The workshop will take place on September 21, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Courtroom 202 at the Waukegan County Building. There will be a \$5.00 charge for a light evening meal, or participants can bring a brown bag lunch.

### ☐ ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TEENS

On November 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. a symposium of speakers will consider the needs of teens. A United Way study has shown that teens do not have a place to congregate and the League wishes to make a difference. The symposium will be held in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center. Local speakers will be announced.



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## PREVIEW OF LWVUS PROGRAM PLANNING 1996-98

Recently LWVUS has been urged by a significant number of members to undertake a grassroots campaign to rebuild citizen confidence in government. Those suggestions encouraged LWVUS to develop a concept proposal for an initiative to Renew Democracy, to be the form for the League's advocacy and education activities for the 1996-98 biennium. League leaders attending Council '95 in June responded so enthusiastically that LWVUS is recommending the concept to all Leagues for consideration during the program planning process.

We will be asked whether this concept should be the focus of the League's national program for 1996-98 and what kinds of activities we would see as having the greatest potential to strengthen participatory democracy in our community and in the nation.

Our comments are welcome about the proposed concept at any time during the coming weeks.

--- reported by Susan Kessler

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - ILLINOIS

The 1995 LWVIL convention adopted a Will of Convention directing LWVIL to: "provide guidance and encouragement to local Leagues to speak to their legislators regarding the lack of reasoned discussion and public input in the legislative process during the past session."

The LWV LF/LB had a dialogue with Representative Tom Lachner during a box luncheon July 11th in Lake Bluff in which the following concerns were addressed when public participation in committee hearing is stifled.

- 1) The League believes that the legislative process must be open to the public and provide ample opportunities to evaluate and comment on legislative proposals, particularly during committee proceedings.
- 2) "Fast track" legislation in which identified problems were ignored for the sake of political expediency.
- 3) The League believes it is crucial to seek public and professional input and to proceed with measured deliberation on complex issues.
- 4) Diminished input of individual legislators with the increasing control of party leadership.
- 5) The League believes that in order for our system of government to be representative, responsive and accountable, the viewpoints of individual legislators must be sought and respected.

--- reported by Susan Kessler

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues are due! All members are urged to renew as soon as possible. If all members renew and we add our wonderful new members, our chapter will receive a monetary award for our Education Fund. Send your check and form to our mailbox as soon as possible.

--- Judy Grisamore

## KIDS' 1ST HEALTH FAIR CONTINUES TO GROW

Attendance at the Kids 1st Health Fair on August 2nd was obviously much greater, according to volunteers who have worked more than one year. The lines of people never stopped until mid-afternoon, but the breathing spell was short and the crowds returned after work. We have a more accurate account of the number of children attending this year: 1700 children came with their parents/guardians and 2430 toys and backpacks/totes were distributed. The following comparisons are now available, with much more yet to come:

1993	1994	1995
490 families	606 families	706 families
312 lead tests	374 lead tests	483 lead tests
585 kids immunizations	681 kids immunizations	938 kids immunizations
371 dental screenings	828 dental screenings	1208 dental screenings

We tried having local outreach committees in targeted towns; all of them ran buses/vans into the Fair, but it did not increase the percent attendance from outlying areas. However, since the total attendance was up, the actual number of families from outlying areas was greater, too.

Needless to say, virtually every book and most of the backpacks and toys were distributed to delighted kids. The effort that local Leaguers put into collecting, sorting, and packing these is much appreciated. There were also lots of local Leaguers volunteering the day of the Fair. In fact, it was like old home week for some. It is these 600 volunteers that make the Fair so successful - and we can't thank you enough.

The Steering Committee is looking for some additional volunteers who would help with school supplies, fundraising (people are generally delighted to donate to this cause), outreach, publicity, books, signing up volunteers, etc. If you would like to give us some time in the months ahead, please call Beryl Flom, 945-1937. — Eleanor Knight

### HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULED

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, together with Baxter Healthcare and numerous Lake County communities, hosts a household hazardous waste collection day on October 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baxter Round Lake Technology Park, State Route 120 and Wilson Rd.

This event provides residents with an opportunity to safely dispose of items such as point, paint remover, insecticides, weed killer, fungicides, aerosol products, furniture stripper, solvents, household cleaners, metal polishes, prescriptions, hobby chemicals, used motor oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, pool chemicals and drain cleaner.

For more information, contact Baxter Healthcare at 546-6311, or the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 336-9340.

### WATERWAYS CRUISE & ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR

The Lake Michigan Inter-League Group is having an environmental meeting in Chicago in the form of a floating seminar. This is a waterways cruise and environmental seminar. The group will meet at the foot of the Wrigley Building in Chicago on September 30 at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$45.00. If interested, contact Lake County League Board president Shirley Williams at 945-8049.

### GETTING TO KNOW LAKE COUNTY

Jean Baenziger is looking for people to help with this study. Issues to be addressed are still being formulated. The committee will drive around Lake County while pursuing this issue... and Shirley Williams has volunteered her Jeep!! If interested, call Jean at 945-8197.

### EDUCATION FUNDING & SINGLE PARENT AND DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROGRAMS

Join community leaders and area legislators to find out how proposed changes in education funding would affect single parent and displaced homemaker programs at Harper College on Thursday, October 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Harper Bldg. A, Fireplace Area. Harper College is in Palatine at the corner of Roselle and Algonquin Roads. For information, call Kathy Lindstrom, 925-6558.



## TURN ON, TUNE IN, DIAL 615-3437 . . .

The League now has several addresses on Lake Forest Cable's Information Channel #17. Watch the on-line menu for our listings and then dial 615-4347 and the three digit number holding the information you wish.

We have posted information about membership in the League, the names of our board members and detailed information on upcoming programs.

Try it and tell us what you think!

## THANKS!

Many thanks to Lorraine Bach who has arranged for the Leagues' symposia to be cablecast!

And to Mary Ann Kiehl and our suffrage entry in the Lake Forest Day parade which won third prize (and now we have a plaque to prove it!) in the civic/social/fraternal category. We were the only non-motorized entry. Kudos to Mary Ann who got the ball rolling!

## Dates to Remember . . .

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| September 21 | Knollwood Annexation Review Breakfast Mtg, 7:30 a.m., Alice Sievert's, 233 E. Washington Ave., LB                                |
| September 21 | Alternatives to Incarceration, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Waukegan Co. Building, Courtroom 202  |
| September 26 | Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 1:00 p.m., Gorton  |
| September 30 | LMILG Waterways Cruise & Environmental Seminar   |
| October 5    | "How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures" Symposium, 7-9 p.m., Friends' Room, Gorton Community Center              |
| October 6    | Last day to register voters  |
| October 7    | Hazardous Waste Collection, Baxter Round Lake Technology Park, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.   |
| October 12   | "Education Funding & Single Parent and Displaced Homemakers Programs," 5-7 p.m., Harper College, Harper Bldg. A., Fireplace Area |
| October 12   | Candidates Forum: District 67 School Board, 7:30-9 p.m., Friends' Room, Gorton   |
| October 13   | Reservation deadline for Tea Party at the Lincolnshire Marriott  |
| October 16   | Absentee voting begins   |
| October 19   | Knollwood Annexation Public Meeting, 7:30 p.m., West School, Knollwood   |
| October 29   | Tea Party at the Marriott, 2-4 p.m.  |
| November 7   | Election Day   |
| November 14  | "Addressing the Needs of Teens" Symposium, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Green' Room, Gorton  |

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## Panel Discussion:

### ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OUR TEENS

Tuesday, November 14

Northern Trust Bank

(Waukegan & Everett Roads, Lake Forest)

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Panel members will include:

Mary Ann Pekarek, 4th Ward Alderman, City of Lake Forest;  
Camille Wilson, President of the Lake Forest High School  
Student Council and Vice Chairman of CROYA Youth Committee;  
Karny Daddono, Director of CROYA;  
Cheryl Derman, Director of L.E.A.D. (Linking Efforts Against Drugs);  
James Warfield, Director of Pupil Personnel, Lake Forest High School;  
Mary Carolyn Embry, Guidance Counselor, Lake Bluff Middle School;  
Robert G. Boone, Chief of Police, City of Lake Forest

All members are encouraged to attend and to invite friends.

For more information and reservations, call: Susan Garrett, 295-4001

There will be a reception following the presentation. Refreshments have been generously donated by Sunset Foods of Lake Forest.

## HOLIDAY FUNdraiser!

COOKIE EXCHANGE  
at Diane Lloyd's  
500 College Road,  
Lake Forest

Tuesday, December 5  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring a dozen cookies,  
a small donation, and  
a friend!

## DO NOT SEND MONEY!



You have already received a request in the mail this month for contributions to the state league. If you make an annual contribution to the state league, please make it through us. We will be participating in the phonathon on November 15 and contributions made through our league will earn us 15%. Thanks to callers Phyllis Albrecht, Sue Engelhart, Ann Hollis, Diane Lloyd and Elaine Slayton, our league will receive an automatic \$50 for participating plus 15% of the amount pledged through us.

If you do not wish to be called on the 15th or prefer not to make a contribution, or if you would like to make an early contribution (and not be called), please call one of us or send your contribution to the League at our address: 400 E. Illinois, Lake Forest IL 60045.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the League, October is often the busiest month. This year is no exception. Our forum for candidates for District 67 school board in Lake Forest and the panel discussion on the possible annexation of Knollwood to Lake Forest were well attended, informative and essential nonpartisan services we provide to our communities.

Not only did we provide these services locally, but several of our members served as moderators for pre-election forums in other communities. Next month, leaguers will be serving as election judges or election day field representatives for the office of the Lake County Clerk.

This is some of the most important work we do and how we are best known in the community. Special thanks to Phyllis Albrecht, voter service chair, Melanie Rummel, who moderated the panel in Knollwood and to all who helped!

We also presented a panel discussion on cable "How We Become Candidates" to kick off our study of local nominating procedures. We hope you will watch on cable channel 19. We now have a League time slot and our programs play a few times a week at either 5:30 or 6:30p.m. So now you can cook with the League!

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? BASIC LEAGUE

Join the board from 7:30 to 8:30 on Wednesday, November 1 for a one hour training session on League.

Betsy Lassar, our state league communicator, will be on hand to give us a once over from the ground up with no holds barred.

All members welcome. Gorton Community Center Friends' Room.

## CABLECASTING IN LAKE FOREST

At its October 2 meeting, the Lake Forest City Council decided to include equipment for cablecasting council meetings on a list of capital improvements for the renovation of City Hall.

Contributions for these improvements will be sought from the community.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Joy Hodgen  
50 Maywood Rd., Lake Forest

## SAVE THIS DATE DEC. 13th



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

with  
Susan B. Anthony  
Carrie Chapman Catt  
Lucretia Mott  
Alice Paul  
Elizabeth Cady Stanton

In the Community Room  
at the  
Northern Trust Bank  
959 South Waukegan Rd.  
Lake Forest

## A TIME TO INVITE FRIENDS



## Report on Knollwood Annexation Breakfast Mtg, 9/21/95

Fourteen highly motivated League members met at crack of dawn to review the existing League position, which supports the annexation of Knollwood by Lake Bluff. This position was adopted by the Lake Bluff League before its merger with the Lake Forest League, and before a 1980's annexation attempt approved by Knollwood, but rejected by 3 votes in Lake Bluff.

Recently a group of Knollwood residents initiated a re-examination of annexation, and contacted the Village Board of Trustees. A Joint Task Force was set up, a consultant was hired and the report, "Knollwood Annexation Fiscal Impact Analysis", submitted in December 1994.

We reviewed this 50 page report. League members who had been involved with the previous annexation attempt and with subsequent efforts by Knollwood to incorporate, provided insights into the issues involved, both currently and in the past. Members with expertise in assessing costs for municipal services, evaluated the consultant's cost estimates.

We found that the report failed to address the major advantages which annexation would provide to Lake Bluff residents, and failed to investigate the possibility that annexation costs could be cut by phasing in municipal services and possibly by delaying a fire department merger.

The principal benefits of annexation to Knollwood were listed as: a more rapid police response time and regular patrols, twice-weekly garbage pick-up, greater zoning control, Lake Bluff Library membership and improved water pressure for fire department needs.

However, the listing of advantages to Lake Bluff residents failed to mention that 1) Lake Bluff children attending Park District pre-school classes and the Lake Bluff Children's Center in Knollwood's West School would also benefit from better police response time and improved water pressure in case of fire; that 2) contiguous boundaries for Schools, Park and Village would allow for cost savings due to equipment sharing; and

that 3) zoning control by the Village over areas currently within the LB school and park districts, would be of financial benefit to Lake Bluff residents. This is because redevelopment of the increasingly valuable land in Knollwood, much of which is now occupied by single family homes could either result in greater housing density (which would put a strain on existing school and park facilities) or could result in new businesses which would provide increased tax revenues to Village, schools and parks.

Some Knollwood residents fear that annexation would bring higher property values and higher taxes and user fees. While tax rates for the Lake Bluff Elementary School and Park Districts and the LF-LB High School District would not be changed by annexation, tax rates for municipal services would increase somewhat, if existing services are taken over and additional services provided by Lake Bluff. At present, services are provided by Lake County, Shields Township, other taxing bodies, or are contracted for by individual homeowners.

A major initial funding shortfall is projected by the consultant, if Lake Bluff assumes responsibility for these services immediately after an annexation. This is due to the long lag between property tax collection in Lake County and distribution to municipalities. The Village is now investigating whether annexation can be followed by a gradual phase-in of Village services or an immediate transfer of tax revenues from governmental bodies which currently provide these services. Unless this can be done, the shortfalls in years 1 and 2 after annexation would be \$936,800 and \$211,500, respectively. Financing a bond issue @7% interest would add \$700,000 over the life of the bond. The shortfall would be much lower in years 3 through 19, and would become a surplus in year 20.

The outcome of any annexation referendum would most likely hinge on financial considerations. These would include the size and duration of the shortfall, how expenses would be apportioned between Knollwood and Lake Bluff residents, and whether residents of

each area would have adequate assurance that they would not have to pay for near term infrastructure improvements in the other area.

Another major concern to both communities is that if annexation to Lake Bluff failed, Knollwood would probably not remain "as is". Given the increasing Knollwood business tax base, Knollwood may become subject to annexation by its 3 other neighbors, Lake Forest, Green Oaks and North Chicago. The latter has held off annexation moves because of an existing but temporary boundary agreement with Lake Bluff, but recently stated its intent to annex areas in Knollwood (News-Sun, Sept. 9-10, 1995).

Some votes may be cast on the basis of fears that annexation would change the character of a community, and some Knollwood residents are concerned that they might not have representation on the Village Board.

Hopefully some of these concerns were addressed at the October 19, 1995 informational meeting on Knollwood annexation, which was planned by Knollwood residents and the Village Board. Village Trustees answered written questions which had to be submitted a month in advance to allow adequate time for well researched responses. Follow-up questions were accepted in writing during the meeting.

The League was asked to provide a moderator, question collectors, and petition circulators. Melanie Rummel, former President of the Lake Forest Elementary District 67 School Board, was the moderator. Other League members from Lake Forest assisted at the meeting and are in charge of annexation petitions which are available for signature by Knollwood property owners on the two Saturdays following the meeting.

-- reported by Alice Sievert

*If Knollwood residents petition for annexation, the League will then decide whether to be active if the issue comes to referendum in Lake Bluff.*

## THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

### PROGRESS ILLINOIS

Good news! Progress Illinois, the tax reform coalition chaired by the League, has received a \$20,000 grant to develop a tool (or model) to evaluate proposals that will impact tax and school funding proposals.

Earlier Progress had received a grant to investigate whether the state has a structural deficit in its General Funds. That research has been completed by a team of professors from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and a report will be issued this fall.

The initial research will demonstrate how the growth of the Fund's revenue is unable to keep pace with the state's expenditures. The second piece will be valuable to help evaluate the effect of proposed programs or legislation on Illinois' revenue growth, local communities and taxpayers.

### PROJECT VOTE SMART

Project Vote Smart, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, is offering its "U. S. Government: Owner's Manual" to League members at no cost.

The 75-page pamphlet includes a variety of information about each member of the U. S. Congress, including performance evaluations by a politically diverse group of rating organizations, campaign finance information and votes on a variety of issues.

To receive a copy free of charge, call 1-800/622-7627 and identify yourself as a member of the League of Women Voters.



### LWV ILLINOIS UPDATE

The LWVIL is active on various fronts. Their September mailing contained information relative to involvement in:

Beijing, China trip by LWVIL President Suzanne Calder)  
The Motor Voter Act  
Progress Illinois (tax reform coalition chaired by the League)  
Invitation to the Collar Counties' Council for Choice  
A legal challenge to state's current school funding system  
"Membership Saturday" in Chicago area November 18th  
Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children Action Focus  
Working committee on state tax and school funding reform  
Distribution of informational memos on health care reform

Additional information may be obtained from Susan Kessler or Diane Lloyd.

-- from Susan Kessler

### From Our Friends . . .

#### An Armenian Evening! Fundraiser for AAUW's

#### Educational Foundation

AAUW's Armenian fundraiser will be held Saturday, November 4th, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM at the Northern Trust Bank, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest.

**PROGRAM:** An illustrated lecture on Oriental carpets, (including samples) given by a staff member of Oscar Iserbian Rugs of Evanston accompanied by delicious Armenian cuisine orchestrated by Kay Mekaelian and Alice Goshgarian and produced by AAUW membership.

**RESERVATIONS (\$30.00)** Payable to LF-LB EF, to Janet Gomez, 248 Circle Drive, Lake Bluff by October 30th. Please print names so that place cards can be provided.



LWV of Wilmette is sponsoring

#### 1995 UNICEF SALES

*Cards, calendars, ornaments, notecards*

Mon. Nov. 13 thru Sat. Dec. 2

Hours: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon - Fri

9:30 am - 5:00 pm Sat

(closed: Nov 22 at 1:30 pm; also Thanksgiving Day)

Cyrus Realtors, 4th & Linden, Wilmette

Questions? Call Jan Korsvik, 251-5717

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**GROWING**  
**EVERYDAY.**  
**WHAT'S MISSING?**  
**YOU!**

There are now approximately 400 participants in the LWVUS GRASSROOTS LOBBY CORPS. We have enthusiasm, drive and commitment, but if we don't have you, we haven't reached our mark. **WE STILL NEED THAT STRENGTH THAT COMES FROM NUMBERS!** Won't you join us?

When have so many League-supported programs and positions been under attack? Let's stand up for our beliefs! By responding to special, targeted lobby requests, members of the Grassroots Lobby Corps are doing just that, enhancing the effectiveness of the League's advocacy work at the national level.

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Complete the form below and send it to Cathy Sullivan, LWVUS Grassroots Coordinator by e-mail at 75444.3132@compuserve.com or by fax to (202) 429-0854. Or mail it to LWVUS, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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**YES! Sign me up to be a participating member of the GRASSROOTS LOBBY CORPS!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

My U.S. Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dates to Remember . . .

- November 1 Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.  
November 7 Election Day  
November 14 "Addressing the Needs of Teens" Symposium, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.,  
Northern Trust Bank Community Room, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest  
November 15 Phonathon, League of Women Voters of Illinois  
*League Lines* deadline, December issue (THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY ISSUE.)  
December 5 Holiday Cookie Exchange, Diane Lloyd's, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
December 13 Holiday Luncheon and Program: Women Won the Vote!  
Northern Trust Bank Community Room, 959 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

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## WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS!

Joanna Rolke

122 Ravine Forest Dr., Lake Bluff

Joan Toole

34 N. Ridge Rd., Lake Forest

## League of Women Voters Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

### FUN RAISER EXTRAORDINAIRE

### SEE

### THE CAPITOL STEPS

### LIVE!

Saturday, March 30, 1996

Centre East, Skokie

Laughter and great desserts are the order of the night.

Do yourself a fun-filled favor - reserve now for the social event of the year. For those of you not familiar with THE CAPITOL STEPS, they are the only group in Washington that attempt to be funnier than the Congress - and succeed!

THE CAPITOL STEPS are a politically correct, hygienic, bipartisan troupe of former Congressional staffers who travel the country satirizing everything and anything. There are no sacred cows, and they are absolutely non-partisan. All political ideas are created equal targets in their skewering.

Are you asking yourself the eternal question,  
"How can I be sure to be a part of the fun on March 30?"

Send a check for \$35.00 per ticket to Treasurer, League of Women Voters,  
400 East Illinois, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Includes the cost of the ticket and after-performance coffee & dessert  
at the home of fellow Leaguer Ann Bassi, 3325 Summit, Highland Park.

We have a limited number of tickets which we are sharing  
with the Highland Park League on a first-reserve best seat basis.

## VOTERS' REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES



### Deputy Registrar Training - Jan. 31 at Gorton

A representative from the County Clerk's Office will conduct a one-hour deputy registrar training session for League members who wish to register voters. The session will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31 in the Green Room at Gorton Community Center. There is no charge.

If you are planning to attend, please call Diane Lloyd (615-9182) or Ginni Magda (295-6892) as soon as possible so there will be adequate supplies and ID cards can be prepared in advance. However, don't hesitate to come if you learn you are available at the last minute. Once you complete this session, you are immediately able to register voters and could help out at Lake Forest High School on February 5 for an inspiring start!

### Voter Registration at LFHS - Feb. 5

The League will be registering voters at the Lake Forest High School in the student cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5. Any new or current registrars who are interested in helping please call Ginni Magda, 295-6892.



## League Lines

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*The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.*

*At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.*

*All members receive League Lines*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Happy New Year! Much has happened since our last newsletter in November! Our panel "Addressing the Need of Our Teens" was a good first follow-up on the United Way study and drew well over 100 people in November. Thanks to our program chairs Susan Garrett and Cindy Morehead and to Anne Csar who pulled together an excellent panel and reception following the discussion.

Thanks to all of you who supported the State League phonathon in November. Lake Forest and Lake Bluff League members contributed a total of over \$1600 to the State League. Fifteen percent of that was returned to us and, with a \$50 bonus for the number of callers we sent and a local match from an anonymous donor in our League, we earned over \$600 in three hours.

Ann Hollis and I served as election day field representatives through the County Clerk's office during the November elections, became better acquainted with the election process (and with Deerfield and Zion) and earned \$200 for the League.

Best of all, Sue Engelhart, our fundraising chair, put together a cookie exchange, light holiday luncheon and raffle early in December which was great fun and raised \$374. Thanks to Sue and her committee (Susan Garrett, Ann Hollis and Elaine Slayton) and to all who contributed items for the raffle.

Finally, dramatist Annette Kolasinski brought Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Carrie Chapman Catt and Susan B. Anthony to our Holiday luncheon. Thanks to everyone on the board who provided the meal and became the clean up committee.

Now, we're looking ahead to the last few months of the League year, which ends with the Annual Meeting in April. The nominating committee and bylaws committee are at work and are happy to receive your suggestions.

We have an excellent speaker on the topic of violence in the lives of women and children for our February meeting. Local and national program planning will take place at the February board meeting (members are greatly encouraged to attend and to suggest topics for study) and then we are fast into activities surrounding the General Primary Election in March.

We need leaguers to work on a candidate forum (call Phyllis Albrecht) and to help with some of the election day jobs offered through the County Clerk's office and more leaguers trained to register voters. We worked with the Highland Park League to set up a training session on January 31.

Jump in and help us get off to a good start in the New Year!

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ☐ Treasurer reported a total of \$11,417.80. \$1,100.00 was raised from November and December fundraising events and activities.
- ☐ Board decided to put \$4,000.00 in a six-month certificate of deposit.
- ☐ Board decided not to participate in the student/parent mock election unless league members can be found who would like to organize the program.
- ☐ Board agreed not to plan an all-League event before or after the Capitol Steps event on March 30 since the date falls during the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff public school spring break.
- ☐ Board agreed to plan a single evening Candidates' Forum in late February for the contested elections in the March General Primary Election (state senator, state representative and county board member).

## BROWN BAG LUNCH & PROGRAM - Wednesday, February 7

### Preventing Violence in the Lives of Children presented by Detective Portia Wallace

Wednesday, February 7, 1996  
Ragdale (White House)  
1260 Green Bay Road, Lake Forest  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring your own brown bag lunch;  
coffee will be provided.

Reservations: Susan Garrett, 295-4001

Detective Wallace of the Juvenile Office of the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been dealing the criminal investigations for 15 years. She has made numerous presentations on child-related issues and has been involved in training other officers and social workers who deal with domestic violence and sexual abuse.

An active volunteer working with children's programs especially Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Lake County, she has received numerous awards for her volunteer and professional work. In 1993 she was named one of the Top Ten Volunteers of the Year by *North Shore Magazine*.

## CANDIDATES' FORUM



Phyllis Albrecht, Voter Service chair, is organizing Candidates' Forum for the contested election in the March General Primary Election for the offices of state senator, state representative and county board member.

The time and place of the forum are yet to be determined. Watch your mail for a special notice of this forum. Leaguers are needed to assist. Please call Phyllis at 234-7062 to help.

The election date is Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

## NEW, EXPANDED LEAGUE DIRECTORIES

Many thanks to Alice Sievert and Ann Hollis for their work on our new membership directory. In addition to the usual names and addresses of League members and elected officials, new information includes background on the League, League positions at the national, state, regional, county and local levels and FAX numbers!

If you have a change or addition, please notify Alice Sievert.

## NEW LEAGUE BOARD IN FORMATION

With the Annual Meeting fast approaching (April 10), the nominating committee is now looking for leaguers willing to serve on the board or in a committee position.

If you are interested or know someone you think would be interested in serving, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Susan Garrett, Ann Hamlin, Ann Hollis, Mary Ann Kiehl or Jill Lauer.

The committee will be working in January and February and will present a slate to the membership through *League Lines* in March.



## FUNDRAISING REPORT

Thanks to League Friends Northern Trust Bank, Sunset Foods and Jewel for their in-kind contributions to the League in December! And to all League members for their support of these events!

Phonathon:	\$600
Holiday Cookie Exchange and Raffle:	\$374
Holiday Luncheon and Program:	\$125

# ELECTION DAY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE . .



The Lake County Clerk's Office is looking for League members to serve on Election Day in many capacities. Earnings (ranging for \$35 to \$125) would go to the League of your choice. This is a good way to serve in a nonpartisan role, become more familiar with Election Day procedures and problems, and help the League at the same time.

Call Diane Lloyd soon at 615-9182 if you are interested in any of the following nonpartisan Election Day assignments (work times are listed with each position):

## COLLECTION STATION WORKERS

(6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

At the twelve Lake County collection stations, these workers will initially process the voted ballots, voter registration files and do the "After the Polls Close" envelope. They will also process the election judges and their materials.

## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

(5:30 a.m. until poll closing)

Problem solvers for the County Clerk's Office who visit each polling place in their assigned area twice during the Election Day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. They check to see that the polling place is set up and running properly, check the booths for tampering, look for electioneering concerns and answer any questions judges may have. After the rounds, they may be asked to return to spots where there are problems to relay the appropriate responses to the Clerk's Office.

## MID-POINT REPRESENTATIVES

(6:30 p.m. to completion)

Teams of two to travel to the twelve ballot collection stations throughout Lake County to pick up the voted ballots and drive them to the County Building for tabulation.

## RECONCILIATION TEAMS

(6:00 p.m. to completion)

These individuals help the election judges as needed after the polls close. They may assist with election judge paperwork and initial ballot counting.

## UNVOTED ABSENTEE REPRESENTATIVES

(8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Three teams of two to go to the off-site voting locations (townships and municipal offices) to pick up the unvoted absentee balloting materials, unvoted ballots, voting machines, specimen booklets, etc.

## VOTED ABSENTEE REPRESENTATIVES

(noon to 5:00 p.m.)

Groups of two to take the absentee ballots which come in the morning mail on Election Day and take them to the polling places.

## ELECTION JUDGES

Election judges are partisan positions. League members in many communities serve as election judges.

In our League, only the president and the voter service chair may not serve as election judges.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, call the Clerk's Office at 360-6827 and plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
College of Lake County  
19351 W. Washington, Grayslake

Thursday, February 15  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Hotel  
1750 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield

Saturday, February 17  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Hyatt Hotel  
1750 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield

Tuesday, February 20  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Ramada Inn  
200 N. Green Bay Rd., Waukegan

Wednesday, February 28  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Holiday Inn  
510 E. Rt. 83, Mundelein



## FROM THE COUNTY BOARD . . .

### Route 53 Extension

A committee of four drove Rt. 53 to Rt. 120 and on to Richmond. It was noted that there is an enormous amount of development in the area and roads are overcrowded.

There is no relationship between the availability of good roads and the building of new housing. More roads seem to be desperately needed.

#### IMPACT OF ROADS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

Beryl Flom reported attending an environmental meeting in Libertyville. Studies show that roads affect vegetation for 400 feet on each side.

As to wetlands, the kind of wetland is what is important; wetlands cannot be generally categorized. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, the EPA and the Federal Highway Department have to agree on environmental issues. The Federal Highway Department makes the final decision.

THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON RT. 53 ON JANUARY 18 AND 23.

January 18, 1996

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Lake County Fairgrounds  
Building 7

50 South Rt. 45, Grayslake  
(Use entrance gate on Rt. 120 which is west of the intersection of Rt. 120 and Rt. 45.)

January 23, 1996

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn at  
2025 South Rt. 83, Mundelein

### Criminal Justice

A workshop has been planned for late February or the beginning of March. Themes discussed include child abuse, the growing violence in society, alternatives to incarceration, and how to select a judge.

Input is needed from local leagues since the aim of the workshop is to educate local leagues. Linda Bartmes, Peg Hafner and Sally Zeit are in charge of arrangements for the workshop.

### Fort Sheridan

Beryl Flom reported that the Joint Planning Commission has been dissolved. Lake County and Lake Forest will develop open space. Highwood and Highland Park will work on selling the Historic District which first must be environmentally cleaned up.

The clean-up is slow and detailed and may take three years before it is finished. A land appraisal of the district is needed before it is eventually sold to a developer. Now Highwood and Highland Park are the only ones concerned with that aspect.

## NEW YEAR FOR GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women to discuss the foreign policy topics covered in the Foreign Policy Association Study Guide.

The group meets monthly on the second Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the home of League member, Betty Buker. Outside reading is recommended. Persons of international affiliations are sought to aid insight about their cultures. Topics in the 1996 Study Guide are:

- I Foreign Policy and the US Political Scene
- II The Intelligence Community - Reform
- III Mexico
- IV Economic Operations in the World
- V Water - Worldwide
- VI Failing National States
- VII Africa
- VIII NATO



The study guide will be available in early January in time to read for the first meeting on Friday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. at Betty Buker's. Chapter 1: Foreign Policy and the US Political Scene is the topic for discussion. At the March meeting the topic is The Intelligence Community - Reform. All League members are welcome to join the group and/or visit to see if this activity interests them. Questions? Call Betty Buker, 234-4509.

## LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING



Across the country local leagues will meet to help determine the focus for the LWVUS's advocacy and education work for the 1996-98 biennium. On February 7 our league will discuss the national program at our board meeting. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The LWVUS believes that this task is particularly significant this year in light of

evidence that Americans have a growing loss of faith in government.

Ideas are being discussed concerning what can be done to make the system work again. The LWVUS board is proposing that there be a sweeping campaign to revive democracy, restore confidence in government and engage citizens in the work of shaping better communities and a better country. Thus, the LWVUS is taking the unprecedented step of proposing that just such a campaign be the sole focus for the League's national program. Our league must now review this concept of an initiative for Renew Democracy.

decide if we support such a campaign as the nationwide focus for 1996-98 and, if so, suggest activities we believe have the greatest potential to strengthen democracy in LFLB and the nation.

Should we as a league decide to reject the LWVUS's concept we may recommend an alternative program. Our response, along with that of every other league from across the country, will be submitted to the delegates for debate and possible adoption at the 1996 convention in June.

Details of this program proposal and its ramifications follow.

## 1994-96 LWVUS National Program

### GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; that provides sound agricultural policy; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

#### Agricultural Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

#### Citizen Rights

**Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation.** Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

**Individual Liberties.** Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

**Public Policy on Reproductive Choices.** Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

#### Congress and the Presidency

**Congress.** Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

**The Presidency.** Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

#### DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both houses of Congress.

#### Election Process

**Apportionment.** Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all

levels of government based substantially on population.

**Campaign Finance.** Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

**Election of the President.** Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

#### Fiscal Policy

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax; promote responsible deficit policies; support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

#### Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

#### Voting Rights

Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

#### Arms Control

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

# LWYUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

## 1994-96 LWYUS National Program

### Military Policy and Defense Spending

Work to limit reliance on military force; examine defense spending in the context of total national needs

### Trade

Support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and support broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

### United Nations

Support measures to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

### U.S. Relations with Developing Countries

Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

### Resource Management

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

### Environmental Protection and Pollution Control

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of the public health and environment.

### Public Participation

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

## SOCIAL POLICY

Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, achieve universal health care coverage at reasonable cost, promote the well being of children, and combat discrimination, poverty and violence.

### Child Care

Support programs, services and policies at all levels of government to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

### Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.

### Equality of Opportunity

Support equal access to education, employment and housing. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

### Health Care

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

### Meeting Basic Human Needs

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

### Urban Policy

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

### Violence Prevention

Support violence prevention programs in all communities.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- \*competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- \*coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- \*adequate financing,
- \*effective enforcement,
- \*well defined channels for citizen input and

## 1994-96 ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS

- Health Care
- Early Intervention for Children at Risk
- Crisis in the Community
- Opening Government to Citizens

## LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

### Questions and Answers About Program Planning 1996-98

**Q. What will happen to League work on issues at the national level if the Initiative to Renew Democracy is adopted?**

**A.** The LWVUS will give high priority to work on issues addressed by our Government positions, taking a strong leadership role in promoting legislation that will further the initiative, such as campaign finance reform. This will include work at the national level and, where appropriate, at the state and local levels.

Rebuilding citizens' confidence in government and their role in the governing process is an essential first step in making real progress on issues addressed by League positions in other program areas. We must help citizens rediscover what binds us together as a nation if we are to succeed in finding shared solutions to the many complex problems that confront our communities today.

**Q. How will the initiative affect our League's work on state and local issues?**

**A.** Leagues may continue to adopt issues for state and local study and action at their conventions and annual meetings. They may also continue to make use of national positions in their work on state and local issues. By reaffirming existing national positions in Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy, convention delegates will provide the basis for such work.

**Q. Will adopting the initiative prevent the League from responding to changed circumstances?**

**A.** No. The League must continue to retain the flexibility to take action in any area if the national political outlook changes. Furthermore, the policy for state and local League action on national issues will remain the same. After consultation with the LWVUS, Leagues may contact their own members of Congress on any issue, providing the action is consistent with League positions and does not conflict with other advocacy efforts.

**Q. Can our League recommend an issue for emphasis in addition to the initiative?**

**A.** The national board believes that the initiative, to be effective, must be the sole focus for the national level of the organization. Adopting an issue for emphasis in addition to the initiative would signal "business as usual" for the League at a moment when the organization needs to concentrate its message and resources on a single common goal.

**Q. How should our League go about recommending a study or issue for emphasis?**

**A.** Your League may recommend an *alternative* to the initiative, such as a study or an issue for emphasis, for the 1996-98 biennium. Describe your proposal in detail on page two of the Program Planning Report Form. Indicate what the problem is that needs to be addressed, how the League's involvement can help resolve the issue, and what specific activities the League should undertake to address the issue. If you are proposing a study, describe the intended scope.

## LWYUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

### Questions and Answers About Program Planning 1996-98

**Q. Why is the national board proposing a focus at the beginning of the program planning process rather than waiting to hear from the grassroots?**

**A.** During the last few months, we have heard from an unusually large number of members of the League and the public, asking the League to do something about the atmosphere of distrust and hostility that increasingly dominates the public debate in our country, no matter which party is in power. Many longtime League members likened the current situation to the crisis America faced in the 1950s when the League initiated its "Freedom Agenda."

These messages encouraged us to develop a concept for a League campaign to renew democracy as the focus for the organization's advocacy and education work during the 1996-98 biennium. We presented this concept to League leaders attending Council '95 in June. Their enthusiastic response helped us decide to recommend the campaign to all Leagues for consideration during the program planning process.

The final decision on the program focus for the coming biennium, however, rests with the grassroots membership. The response from local and state Leagues will determine whether the program that is submitted to convention delegates in June includes some version of the campaign to renew democracy outlined here.

**Q. What was the Freedom Agenda?**

**A.** The Freedom Agenda project was the League's response to the erosion of the democratic process threatened by Senator Joseph McCarthy's attacks on civil liberties during the 1950s. The League published six pamphlets written by acknowledged scholars that were designed to build public understanding of the Bill of Rights. Leagues across the country used these materials as the basis for a series of unprecedented community discussions across the country.

**Q. Does the Initiative to Renew Democracy imply a major restructuring of the League?**

**A.** No. The unparalleled challenges now facing our country seem to demand an extraordinary response from the League. Dedicating our 1996-98 biennium to the task of renewing democracy could be that response. It does not alter the basic nature of the League as a multi-issue organization that both encourages citizen participation and influences public policy.

**Q. How will the national board use the information in the report forms?**

**A.** The board will look first of all at whether there is strong support for the initiative, from Leagues of all sizes and from all parts of the country. If that is the case, the board will develop goals and a blueprint for the campaign based on the strategies and activities that Leagues suggest on their report forms. The results of League surveys of community leaders also will be an important source of ideas. The board would then submit the campaign as the proposed program for the 1996-98 biennium and plan convention strategy and training sessions to help members implement the initiative. If the report forms indicate stronger support for an alternative to the initiative, the board would develop a proposed program based on those recommendations.

## LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

### Rebuilding Citizen Confidence in Government A Challenge Unique to the League of Women Voters

"What is the greatest challenge now facing our nation and our community? What role will the League play in addressing this challenge?"

These are among the questions that we will be discussing at our upcoming program planning meeting as we decide what we think should be the focus for the League nationwide during the 1996-98 biennium.

Lending urgency to our discussion is the growing evidence that our democratic system is in crisis. Frustration with government is mounting, and many citizens seem to have lost sight of their role in the governing process. Excessive partisanship dominates public policy debate, and extremist rhetoric endangers our search for the common good—no matter which party is in power.

#### A Proposal for Our Consideration

In response to this challenge, the LWVUS board is taking the unprecedented step of proposing that an Initiative to Renew Democracy be the sole focus for the League's national program for the next two years.

The board believes that the League is uniquely qualified and trusted to help rebuild our political and civic infrastructure. And only by restoring citizens' faith in government can we make real progress on issues addressed by League positions on the environment, social policy and international relations.

The Initiative to Renew Democracy would include both legislative work aimed at restoring confidence in the political process and educational projects designed to engage more citizens in civic life. Possible activities might be:

- \* Advocacy campaigns for legislation to strengthen democracy and the voice of citizens in shaping public policy, such as campaign finance reform.
- \* Public journalism projects that would link Leagues with media partners interested in

providing citizen-oriented news coverage to stimulate increased civic participation.

- \* Civic education ventures that would create opportunities for citizens to come together in new ways to explore public problems and develop effective problem-solving skills.

#### What Will Be Our Recommendation?

The LWVUS board is looking for our input.

- \* What do we think our community and our country need from the League right now?

- \* Do we believe that a campaign to renew democracy is the best way for the League to pursue its mission in the coming two years?

- \* If we agree that such a campaign should be the League's nationwide focus, what kinds of activities do we think would be most effective at strengthening democracy in our community and in the nation.

We hope you will join us for this important discussion. Your ideas are needed!

#### Program Planning at a Glance

##### November 1995—February 1996

- \* Leagues interview community leaders and hold program planning meetings.

##### March 8, 1996

- \* Program planning report forms are due.

##### March 28-30, 1996

- \* Based on Leagues' recommendations, the LWVUS board formulates a proposed program to be sent to all Leagues in late April.

##### June 8-11, 1996

- \* Delegates to Convention '96 debate and adopt a national program for 1996-98.

# LWVUS NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

## Concurrence at Convention

Convention '94 passed a motion asking the LWVUS board to develop a "standard concurrence process that ensures the same high level and standard of informed member agreement that the League, in its wisdom, has required of consensus." In response to that request, the national board adopted the following guidelines in April 1995.

### Guidelines for Concurrence at Convention

These guidelines supplement the program adoption process as detailed in the LWVUS bylaws. Thus, any state or local League that wishes to propose an item for concurrence on the floor of convention must begin by submitting its recommendation to the national board at least three months before convention, as part of the program-planning process. This will ensure that the item is eligible for consideration by the convention in the event that it is not included in the proposed program formulated by the national board.

### Notice

Any League that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention shall give notice to all Leagues of its intent to do so at least six weeks before convention.

**Rationale:** Advance notice of major items of business to come before the convention gives delegates an important opportunity to discuss these items with the rest of their membership, helps them come to convention "informed but not instructed," and promotes good decision making. The six-week time frame coincides with the notice requirement for proposed program, budget and bylaws amendments as detailed in the LWVUS bylaws.

### Background Information

Any League that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention shall send background information, including pros and cons on the issue and an explanation of the

rationale for using this form of member agreement, to all Leagues at least six weeks before convention.

**Rationale:** An essential aspect of any member agreement process in the League is that members have an opportunity to become informed about all sides of the issue. The preconvention distribution of objective, balanced background material enables delegates, in consultation with others in their League, to make an informed decision, provides the membership with a common base of knowledge, and lays the groundwork for effective advocacy.

### Super Majority Vote

A two-thirds vote is required to amend or adopt a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention.

**Rationale:** In determining whether a position has been reached during a conventional study involving grassroots member participation, the national board looks for substantial member agreement rather than a simple majority. A similar level of member agreement should be required of a position established by concurrence on the floor of convention, a process that directly involves only a fraction of the total membership. The two-thirds vote requirement corresponds to the super majority required to adopt and suspend the rules of convention, to amend the bylaws and to adopt not-recommended action motions.

[Note that the two-thirds super majority refers only to the vote required to amend or adopt a national League position by concurrence. A simple majority vote would continue to be required to gain convention consideration of any not-recommended program item, including any state or local League concurrence proposal. Note also that, should the national board wish to propose adoption or amendment of a national position by concurrence at convention, the same two-thirds vote requirement would apply.]

## Dates to Remember . .

- January 24 Executive Committee Meeting, Diane Lloyd's, 7:30 p.m.  
January 31 Deputy Registrar Training Session, Gorton Community Center, Green Room, 7:00 p.m.
- February 5 Voter Registration at Lake Forest High School, Student Cafeteria, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
February 7 Brown Bag Lunch and program "Preventing Violence in the Lives of Children"  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Ragdale, 1260 Green Bay Road, Lake Forest  
Reservations: 295-4001
- February 7 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, National and Local Program Planning.  
Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.
- February ??? Candidates' Forum for the March General Primary Election, time and place to be announced  
(WATCH FOR A SEPARATE MAILING ON THIS FORUM)
- March 6 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room, 7:30 p.m.  
March 19 Election Day  
March 30 Capitol Steps Fundraiser at Centre East, Skokie
- April 10 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting



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# League Lines

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Linda Hinde

517 Rockland Ave., Lake Bluff

## CONGRATULATIONS

### NEW DEPUTY REGISTRARS!

Ann Hollis

Emily Jennings

Char Kreuz

Jan Schnobrich

Elaine Slayton

## ATTENTION

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!

If you have ever considered joining the League (or if you are a member and want to consider a gift membership for a friend), this is the time to try us out.

By joining now, you receive a year and a half of membership -- and publications -- for the price of one. Dues paid between now and September will not be renewable until September 1997. Just fill out the form on page 2.



## CANDIDATES FORUM



Date: Tuesday, February 27

Place: Gorton Community Center, Lake Forest

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. - Primary Candidates for  
Lake County Board - District 16  
(Sponsored by LWV/LF-LB)

\* Republican Candidates: Mary Beattie, Lake Forest  
Mark Shaw, Lake Forest

8:00 - 9:45 p.m. - Primary Candidates for  
Illinois State Senate - 30th District  
(Co-sponsored by Highland Park LWV & LWV/LF-LB)

\*Democratic Candidates Panel Candidates:  
(40 minutes)  
Larry Krulwich, Buffalo Grove  
Terry Link, Waukegan

(1 hour)  
Thomas Adams, Green Oaks  
Thomas Lachner, Lake Bluff  
Christopher Stride, Lake Bluff

\* The order in which the two panels of candidates appear will be determined by lots drawn by a representative of each party shortly before the forum begins. The allotted length of each panel's forum has been adjusted to reflect the number of candidates participating, so that individual candidates from both parties have equivalent opportunities to respond to questions.

This forum is covering those local offices which are contested in the primary. Party candidates who are unopposed in the primary will be invited to participate in candidates' forums at election time in the fall.

League volunteers are needed as ushers, time keepers and question screeners. Please call Phyllis Albrecht (234-7062) to help.

## TO HONOR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OR EVENTS

If you wish to honor one or more League members or some outstanding local League activity or significant historical event, your message can be included in the historic LWVUS 1996 Convention Program.

Costs: First 2 lines, \$15.00 each

Each subsequent line, \$10.00

See Diane Lloyd for application blanks.



## League Lines

<b>President</b>	
Diane Lloyd	615-9182
<b>Vice President/</b>	
<b>Voter Service</b>	
Phyllis Albrecht	234-7062
<b>Vice President/</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	
Judy Grisamore	234-3510
<b>Secretary</b>	
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Alice Sievert	234-4133
<b>Directors:</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	
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<b>Fundraising</b>	
Sue Engelhart	234-1761
<b>National/State Program</b>	
Susan Kessler	615-7064
<b>Newsletter</b>	
Peg Hafner	234-3525
Ann Hollis	295-2463
<b>Program</b>	
Cindy Morehead	234-4990
Susan Garrett	295-4001
<b>Tax Reform/</b>	
<b>School Finance</b>	
Lorraine Bach	295-3210
<b>Voter Registration</b>	
Ginni Magda	295-6892
<b>LWV-Lake County</b>	
<b>Board Liaison</b>	
Peg Hafner	234-3525



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

## 1996 LWV/LF-LB ANNUAL MEETING

### League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

### 1996 Annual Meeting

### April 10, 1996 - 6:30 p.m.

**Pot Luck Dinner**  
at the home of Judy Grisamore  
410 E. Onwentsia Road, Lake Forest

**Elect Officers**  
**Adopt 1996-1997 Program Budget**  
**Make Program Decisions for 1996-1997**

Reservations to Cynthia Morehead (295 6470) by April 8  
(Tell Cynthia what dish you plan to bring or pay \$6 at the door)

## STATE LEAGUE UPDATE

### ☐ TASK FORCE ON SENIOR CARE

Consider joining the committee by calling Jeanne Zimmer of the Evanston LWV who will chair the Task Force.

### ☐ POSITION AVAILABLE -- LOBBYIST

The LWVIL Lobbyist for the past three years has accepted a full-time job so the position is now open. The responsibilities include maintaining a League presence in the capitol and communicating the League's position to legislators. For further information please contact Diane Lloyd or Susan Kessler.

### ☐ ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT REVISED

Our local league has two copies of the "GUIDE TO THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT" prepared by the Illinois Attorney General's office. The Guide reflects major revisions made to the Act in 1994 and amendments passed in 1995. All earlier editions of the Guide should be disposed of because they are out of date. All governing bodies should be aware of the need to comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Boards, commissions, etc. should be urged to request copies of the Guide from the Attorney General's office. Please contact Diane Lloyd or Susan Kessler for further information.



## Membership Form

YES, I want to be a part of helping informed citizens make a difference in government.

☐ Here's my check for an individual membership in the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. My dues are enclosed.

☐ Patron (\$100.00) ☐ Senior (\$40.00)  
☐ Sustaining Membership (\$60.00) ☐ Regular Membership (\$45.00)

☐ In addition to my membership dues, I'd like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the League.

☐ I can't join right now, but I'm enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the League.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form to: League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, P.O. Box 100, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Membership dues are not tax-deductible. For information, call 234-3510.

## TIME FOR ACTION . . .



THE LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF ILLINOIS

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**TIME FOR ACTION**

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To: Presidents, Natural Resources and Action Chairs  
From: Rosemary Ashworth, Natural Resources Specialist, 708/279-8726  
Date: January 15, 1996

**ACTION NEEDED TO SUPPORT REPEAL OF RETAIL RATE LAW**

**Who Should Act:** Your League and members as individuals

**When:** Immediately

**Action Needed:** Contact Governor Edgar and urge him to sign HB 1523 as passed and presented by the General Assembly

The Hon. Jim Edgar, Governor  
State House

Springfield, IL 62706

PHONE: 1-800-642-3112

FAX: 1-217-524-1678, Attn.: Erica Mair

Why: The League has long worked for the repeal of the Retail Rate Law and is pleased to report that on January 11, 1996, HB 1523 was passed by both the Illinois House and Senate. It is now awaiting Governor Edgar's signature. However, incinerator lobbyists and some aides to the governor are urging Governor Edgar to use his amendatory veto to continue the retail rate subsidy for incinerator projects where "investors have put up money, started building or received some level of approval for their projects." The League opposes special exemptions and believes HB 1523 should be signed with no changes.

Background: The Retail Rate Law was passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 1988 to promote "waste-to-energy" technology as an alternative to landfills by subsidizing the sale of electrical power generated by incinerators. As a result of such subsidies, incinerator projects that would otherwise not be economically viable are very lucrative. Illinois communities are currently faced with over 20 new incinerator proposals from out-of-state companies. These could cost Illinois taxpayers \$10 billion over the next twenty years.

In addition to the financial treat, the Retail Rate Law poses a health threat. Incinerators spew toxic chemicals into the air, such as dioxin and furans which have been linked to cancer, birth defects, and reproductive, developmental and neurological damage. The ash left over from the incineration process must be handled as hazardous waste.

Also threatened are the "reduce, reuse, recycle" components of the waste management hierarchy because the Retail Rate Law promotes incineration at the expense of competing waste reduction and recycling methods which do not receive the same subsidies. Success with waste reduction and recycling is reducing our waste stream and the need for additional landfill space.



## MORE ACTION NEEDED . . .

### ☐ CITIZENS ACCESS TO POLLS PROJECT (CAP PROJECT)

From Suzanne B. Calder, LWVIL president, and Mary-Lou Agaard, Elections Law Specialist, we have the good news that the Joyce Foundation will underwrite expenses for the CAP Project for the March Primary election. The goal of the project is to increase the awareness of the problems inherent in Illinois two-tier voter registration system.

Neil Richardson has been hired as the CAP project coordinator (312/939-5935, ext. 31). Neil's first assignment is to survey county clerks to determine how they plan to administer the two-tier system and what additional preparation they will undertake to train election judges. Other potential CAP project activities may include (but are not limited to) poll-watching, an 800 number, press releases and conferences.

Since it is now too late to register for the primary election, the second step of the CAP Project will be to alert the media and public to flaws in the registration system and to mobilize a demand for change. The third component of the project is poll watching on primary election day. With each of us doing a little bit we can make a big difference in Illinois! CALL Neil with questions or suggestions

### ☐ COLLAR COUNTIES COUNCIL FOR CHOICE (4 C's)

State Representative Rosemary Mulligan was the featured speaker at the January 30 meeting of this new Council. Our League and Leagues throughout the collar counties attended with members of the AAUW, Planned Parenthood, NOW, the ACLU, several main line churches and other interested groups. The Council is a network of independent organizations located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties which cooperate to raise the visibility, increase the effectiveness and further mobilize the pro-choice community.

Our League is looking for a representative to attend the quarterly meetings of the Council and report back to our board and membership. Each meeting includes an information update and a training/strategy session. At the last meeting, the strategy session involved brainstorming on responses to the tactics of the religious right.

The next meeting is April 9 at the College of DuPage. Call a board member if you are interested. Carpool possibilities are available.

### ☐ COALITION FOR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

Lorraine Bach and Diane Lloyd attended the January meeting of the Coalition which focuses on "Fair Funding for School Kids."

Although Illinois is the 9th wealthiest state in the nation, we rank 49th in our level of state revenue allotted for school funding. Illinois spends 32% of its total state revenue on education. The average state revenue received by school districts per pupil in Illinois- for the 1994-95 school year was \$4,621.00.

In Lake County, the state and local per pupil revenue for the 1994-95 school year ranged from a high in Rondout High School District #72 at \$14,682 to a low in Glenview CC School District #40 at \$3,240.

The Coalition's goal is for Illinois to adopt an education funding system built around several principles:

- that the state, not the local school district, is responsible for the quality of our children's education;
- that the state must ensure that every child, regardless of need, has a fair chance to receive a high quality education;
- that Illinois needs a fairer, more progressive tax system;
- that the state should provide the majority of funding for public education;
- that equity should not be achieved at the expense of adequacy i.e. reform should 'level up' the educational opportunities available to every child in the state; and
- that adequately funded schools should be held accountable to provide effective and high quality education.



# LWVUS CONVENTION 1996 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## LWVUS National Convention 1996 Chicago Hilton Hotel VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Indulge Yourself - Have Fun !

Meet people from all over the USA

Work different days - different hours! You get to choose. There are various needs requiring different skills.

**Hospitality:** greet delegates and guests, assist with information and directions

**Registration:** staff registration tables, distribute materials and badges

**Information:** staff info and tours desk, provide information to delegates and guests

**Credentials:** prepare official daily attendance reports, certify voting eligibility of delegates

**Election:** process vote cards and counts, record results

**Floor:** door keepers, ushers, pages, timekeepers, microphone

**Dine Around:** staff info / registration desk

**Convention Office and Pressroom:** assist LWVUS staff

Come to convention! By volunteering, you can attend a plenary session at no charge the day you work. You will be called for personal scheduling.

### Convention Volunteer Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City St. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PM (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

Return by May 1 to:

Sallie Hamm  
1055 Oak Spring Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048

(847) 362-6993



### DINE AROUND

Sunday, June 9

Starting 6:30 pm

Would you like to eat in one of Chicago's fine restaurants, enjoy great conversation and company too? THEN BEING A DINE AROUND ESCORT IS FOR YOU !!

You will have the pleasure of escorting a small group of convention delegates from the Chicago Hilton & Towers to a restaurant where reservations have been prearranged by the Dine Around Committee.

A wide variety of food, dining styles, and price ranges will be represented by the restaurants chosen.

This is a "Dutch Treat" event. Each participant is responsible for the cost of her/his own meal and transportation.

**Volunteer RIGHT NOW** by filling out the DINE AROUND ESCORT FORM ! We will contact you to confirm details.

### Dine Around Escort Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City St. Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PM (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

Return by May 1 to:

Grace Arthur  
665 Tahoe Trail  
Palatine, IL 60067

Questions? Call: (847) 934-0622 Grace Arthur

(847) 358-2243 Toni Vargo

Fax: (847) 358-2283

**IL GOVERNMENT 101: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR****ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT 101:  
A COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

*a program of the League of Women Voters of Illinois  
co-sponsored by the Chicago Foundation for Women*

**WHAT:** A day-long workshop designed to help Chicago-area women and men launch effective citizen action on issues of neighborhood, community or statewide concern. In interactive sessions, lobbyists, League members and others will share their expertise in community organizing, lobbying, communications, coalition building, and much, much more.

**WHEN:** March 23, 1995 10 am - 3 pm

**WHERE:** The Eleanor Foundation & Residence  
1550 N. Dearborn (at North Ave.) Chicago

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** League Members & Friends  
Community and Neighborhood Leaders  
Nonprofit Agency Board and Staff Members  
Concerned Citizens and Voters  
Teachers and Students

*Everyone who cares about their community --from experienced activists to novices in the public policy arena --will gain new advocacy skills and forge stronger networks.*

**HOW MUCH:** \$25.00 (includes morning coffee, lunch, and seminar packet)

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

- 9 a.m. Registration, coffee and networking:  
*Participants are invited to bring literature from their organizations.*
- 10 a.m. Government 101: What They Didn't Teach You in High School Civics.
- 11 a.m. Workshops:  
• Coalition Building/Networking  
• Developing Strategy: Understanding the State Legislative Process  
• Making Your Voice Heard: Effective Public & Media Relations  
• Finding Your Way Through the Maze: Access to Information  
• Who Says You Can't Fight City Hall: A Guide to Action at the Local Level
- 12 noon Lunch  
Success Stories: How Three Community Leaders Effectuated Change
- 2 p.m. Workshops (repeat)
- 3 p.m. Refreshments & Networking

*This program has been generously underwritten by the Chicago Foundation for Women*

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## Lake County Medical Society Seeks Interns

Because of the League's interest in health care, we have been invited to send a representative to a mini-internship program sponsored by the Lake County Medical Society on April 1 and 2. Each intern is assigned to several different physicians -- from primary care, surgery, emergency medicine, and other specialties. The intern will spend half a day accompanying each physician. The internship program has been available since 1989 and has included a broad range of community leaders including legislators, educators, and members of the business community, all of whom share an interest in health care costs, quality and access to care. If you are interested, please call Diane for further details.



## HEAR JEANNE SIMON WITH OTHER LEAGUERS . .

# The 3rd Annual North Shore Leagues Woman's History Month Luncheon

**When:** Saturday, March 16, 11:30 to 1:30

Lunch at 12:00, Speech at 1:00

**Who:** Jeanne Simon will speak about the  
"Reflections on Being a Part of the Political Scene"

**What:** Lunch of grilled chicken and asparagus  
over penne pasta\*

**How Much:** Cost \$18

**Where:** Hackney's on Lake  
1514 Lake Avenue, Glenview

Questions can be answered at 866-7844

**Given by:** The Leagues of Women Voters in  
Evanston, Glenview, Glencoe, Morton Grove / Niles, Park  
Ridge, Wilmette, Winnetka / Kenilworth / Northfield

\*If you have diet restrictions call Barbara Marsh at 729-7493

**RSVP by March 9**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ x\$18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of guests \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks  
out to:  
LWV Illinois  
Education Fund**

**Mail to:** Evanston LWV  
2100 Ridge Road Suite 2650  
Evanston IL 60201

Dates to Remember . . .
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February 27 Candidates Forum, Gorton Community Center, 7:00 p.m.



March 16 Woman's History Month Luncheon, Glenview, 11:30 a.m.

March 19 Election Day

March 23 Illinois Government Leadership Seminar, Chicago, 10:00 a.m.

March 30 Capitol Steps Fundraiser at Centre East, Skokie, 8:00 p.m.



April 1, 2 Lake County Medical Society Mini-Internship Program

April 9 Collar Counties Council for Choice Update, College of DuPage

April 10 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting and Pot Luck, Judy Grisamore's, 6:30 p.m.

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## Welcome New Members

Mary Claire Briggs

120 Oak Terrace, Lake Bluff

Sherry R. Fischer

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## Call to Registrars

Deputy Registrars will be needed this summer to register voters:

4th of July,  
Artesian Park, Lake Bluff  
&

Labor Day Weekend  
Market Square, Lake Forest  
Deerpark Art League Art Fair

Call Char Kreuz, Voter Registration  
Chair, (295-3427), to help.

## Could YOU Balance the Federal Budget?



Find out when you play . . .

## DEBTBUSTERS 2000

Saturday, June 29th  
7:00 pm

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres  
at the home of Diane Lloyd  
500 College Road, Lake Forest

\$10.00 per person plus an hors d'oeuvre for 8

... a two hour role-playing exercise that simulates a meeting of the House and Senate Budget Committees. As a member of Congress facing a strict timetable, your challenge is to balance the budget without offending too many of your constituents, since you will be facing re-election in a few short weeks. How you balance the demands of special interests and constituent pressures will determine your success. (Sponsored by the Concord Coalition of Illinois)

Bring a spouse or a friend and join your fellow League members for an evening that promises to be stimulating and fun!

RSVP by June 20th to Elaine Slayton at 295-0275 or  
send checks (made out to LWV-LF/LB) to  
Elaine at 811 Larchmont Lane, Lake Forest, 60045.  
There's a limit on the number of players so HURRY!



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## President's Message

Being elected President of the League is an honor and a distinction of which I am proud. Like League presidents before me, I will work to ensure that our organization continues to carry out its mission: encouraging informed and active participation in government. With that objective in mind, I am confident we will continue the League's long-standing tradition of providing valuable programs to the communities of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

1996 - 1997 will certainly be an exciting year. National elections seem to bring out more interest in all aspects of government. Our Program Chair Elaine Slayton has already outlined some interesting programs. (See page six for our tentative program calendar). Anne Csar, Voter Service Chair, is working to set-up candidate forums. We have also scheduled the following fund raising activities:

"Debtbusters" on June 29th, our December Holiday Luncheon featuring book reviewer Barbara Rinella's presentation of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, and a cocktail party at the home of Pru Beidler celebrating George Washington's birthday - all great ways to toast the electoral process!

On behalf of everyone on the board, we hope to see you often during the next year. If you have any additional ideas or input, please call me a 295-4001. Thank you to all members for your continued interest and support of the League.

*Susan Garrett*

## Thanks - To Our Out-going Officers & Directors

What a wonderful past two years our League has had. To those leaving the board: Alice Sievert, Susan Kessler, Cindy Morehead, and Ginni Magda; many thanks.

And to Diane Lloyd, a hard act to follow - the 75th Anniversary Year would not have been the same without your drive and leadership. On pages three and four are Diane's report of her term of office. Truly a job well done.

## Schedule of LWV-LF/LB Board Meetings

June 5	11:30 a.m.	January 8	7:30 p.m.
July 10	7:30 p.m.	February 5	11:30 a.m.
September 4	11:30 a.m.	March 5	7:30 p.m.
October 2	7:30 p.m.	April 9	11:30 a.m.
November 6	11:30 a.m.		

All meetings are at Gorton Community Center. 11:30 a.m. meetings are brown bag affairs. If a December meeting is necessary, it will be held prior to the Holiday Luncheon tentatively scheduled for December 9 or 11. Please remember to call Susan Garrett if you cannot attend meetings.

## Good News for Informed Citizen Participation

At the May 6th meeting of the Lake Forest City Council, retiring Mayor Rhett Butler announced a gift to the city of \$45,000.00 from the Butler Family Foundation. This money is to be used to purchase video equipment to ensure continued cablecasting of Lake Forest City Council Meetings and also of some board and commission meetings in the newly renovated City Hall.

Thanks to any of you who may have communicated your interest in cablecast meetings to the city and special thanks from all to the Butler family.

# 1994-1996 Biennial Report - LWY of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

It was a busy two years. The following is a brief summary of our league's activities in the past biennium. Many thanks to an active and dedicated board and to all of our members whose continued support and encouragement make it all happen. With your League membership and support, the League has accomplished much. Thank you!

We welcomed 45 new members (19 in 1994-95 and 26 in 1995-96)

## Programs 1994-95

- September 14: **Illinois Issues** (Fall Membership Luncheon); State Representative Virginia Frederick
- October 6: **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling in Lake County**; Mark Loughmiller, Recycling Coordinator, SWALCO
- October 22: **The League Walks with Lake Bluff Open Lands**, Carolyn Goetz, President, LBOLA
- October 25: **Leaf burning**, Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Max Stankard, Lake Forest Assistant to the City Manager
- November 3: **Teens At Risk**, Dorothy Chantler, LFHS counselor; Youth Officers Fahcy and Hughes, LFPD; Dr. Neil Mahoney, psychiatrist, Lake Forest Hospital
- November 29: **Gun Control**, Barb Lippai, gun control specialist, LWVIL
- December 8: **Celebrating the 75th**  
Eleanor Revelle, former president, LWVIL and current board member LWVUS
- February 13: **Tea with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt**, Suzanne Hales, dramatist
- March 8: **The Task of School Funding**, joint meeting with AAUW, Patrick Patt, Superintendent, Green Oaks School District; Harry Griffith, Supt, LF D67; Robert Rolek, Pres, D65 School Board
- May 6: **Women's Emancipation Through Fashion** with Nancy Allen, a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of a Woman's Right to Vote

## Programs 1995-96

- July: **State Issues Update**, Illinois State Rep. Thomas Lachner, brown bag lunch
- August 24: **Reception for Women in Government** with Northern Trust Bank
- September 6: **Joint Community Update**, cablecast, LF City Manager Bob Kiely and LB Village Administrator Kent Street
- September 14: **Fall Membership Luncheon**, no program
- September 19: **Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest** (brown bag), cablecast, Chuck Crook, LF Director of Community Development, Abigail Fassnacht, LF Alderman; Corinne Wood, LF Plan Commissioner
- September 22: **Knollwood Annexation Update for Leaguers**, breakfast meeting
- September 26: **Parliamentary Procedure Workshop**, Mary Lou Aagard, LWVIL election specialist
- October 5: **How We Become Candidates: Local Nominating Procedures**, M. David Cain, LF Caucus President; Glen Alexander, LB School Caucus President, Richard Ernest, LF Alderman; Doug Schuetz, LB Village Trustee; cablecast
- October 19: **Knollwood Annexation Public Meeting** Lake Bluff Village Trustees and Attorney; moderated by Lake Forest Leaguer Melanie Rummel
- November 14: **Addressing the Needs of Our Teens**, Mary Ann Pekarek, LF Alderman; Camille Wilson, president LFHS Student Council; Kamy Daddano, Director, Croya; Cheryl Derman, Director LEAD; James Warfield, Director Pupil Personnel, LFHS; Mary Carolyn Embry, Guidance Counselor, LB Middle School; Robert Boone, Chief of Police, LF
- December 13: **Women Won the Vote!** Annette Kolasinski as Alice Paul, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Carrie Chapman Catt
- January 31: **Deputy Registrar Training**, our League was regional host
- February 27: **Preventing Violence in the Lives of Women and Children** (brown bag), Detective Portia Wallace, Lake County Sheriff's Department
- March 30: **Capitol Steps**, Centre East, Skokie
- May 8: **Alternative Sentencing Workshop**, Judge Ray McKoski

# 1994-1996 Biennial Report - LWV of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

**Voter service:** October 19, 1994 State Representative  
 February 22, 1995 Village and Park Board, Lake Bluff  
 October 12, 1995 District 67 School Board, Lake Forest  
 February 27, 1996 Primary, Lake County Board, 16th District; Illinois State Senate,  
 30th District  
 voter registration at Deerpath Art Fair, Lake Forest High School, both years  
 3 new deputy registrars trained, 1994-95  
 5 new deputy registrars trained, 1995-96

**Studies:** leaf burning  
 local nominating procedures (the caucuses)

**Local action:**  
 supported the LBOLA plan for the Skokie River Preserve and Trail in Lake Bluff  
 supported cablecasting Lake Forest and Lake Bluff School Board and Lake Forest Council meetings  
 responded to public notice re Newell's Reserve development, Lake Forest re wetlands concerns  
 active on open lands and environmental issues related to Newell's Reserve and Fort Sheridan

**Other:** prepared new nonpartisanship policy  
 published two preschool and child care directories  
 recruited funding, supplies and volunteers for the Lake County Kids First Fair  
 sent representatives to Kids First Fair, moderator training, conflict resolution workshop, United Way  
 conference, legislative seminar, Illinois Voter project, Lake County League Board meetings,  
 Collar Counties Council for Choice  
 responded to all state and national calls for action; conducted legislative interview with State  
 Representative, Tom Lachner  
 maintained a bridge club and, with AAUW, a Great Decisions foreign affairs study group

**Awards:** Best League Fundraiser in Illinois for May Suffrage Celebration, LWVIL Convention  
 Largest League Membership Increase, LWVIL Convention  
 Most Professional League Newsletter, LWVIL Convention  
 Third place, Lake Forest Day Parade

## 75th Anniversary activities

Village of Lake Bluff and City of Lake Forest appointed LWV to lead a community celebration of the  
 suffrage anniversary

arranged for local organizations to honor "Women Who Make A Difference" at a community celebration of  
 the suffrage anniversary

collected organizational histories from local women's organizations - to be published

prepared displays on woman suffrage with support from District 67

Honored women in government at a reception at Northern Trust Bank; researched and printed a list of women  
 in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff who have served in elected positions

organized: Tea with Carrie Chapman Catt in February on League's birthday  
 Award-winning luncheon and fashion show "Women's Emancipation Through Fashion" in May  
 Suffrage parade entries for 4th of July and Lake Forest Day  
 Tea with Suffragists in Glencoe on August 26

## Kids 1st Health Fair Volunteer Opportunities

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, August 7, is the date of our fourth Kids 1st Health Fair! The Fair, coordinated with the Lake County Health Department, serves the back-to-school needs of low income families throughout the county.

Mandatory school physicals for children entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grade; high school sports physicals; immunizations; and a variety of health screenings are provided free of charge to qualifying families. Backpacks, filled with necessary supplies to start the year of right, will again be given to school age children - pre-schoolers will receive totes and the our youngest participants will get an age appropriate toy!

To serve the 2,000 children who attend the FAIR requires the coordinated efforts of a large cadre of concerned volunteers! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at and before the FAIR:

- Starting July 8 we will pack 3,000 backpacks and totes with the greatly appreciated and needed school supplies. We'll be packing everyday until the job is done (2 to 3 weeks) at Waukegan High School East - tentative times, 9 am to 2 pm. This is another volunteer opportunity where kids or groups can participate. Call Bonnie Bates (374-8918) or Ellen Shown (374-1803) for information and directions!
- You can also contact your favorite nurse, dentist and doctor and ask them to volunteer their time. We need to provide 500 school physicals, 1,000 immunizations and 1,200 dental screenings during the 10 hours the FAIR is open! We are asking for three volunteer hours from these medical volunteers... ask someone you know!
- On the day of the FAIR, we will need volunteers to perform a variety of tasks. There will be three

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shifts throughout the day - 7:45 to 12:30, 12:15 to 4, and 3:45 to 7:30. Please call our volunteer coordinators Patti Pihl at 382-1788; Kathy Dorn at 362-0897 or Marlie Rand at 680-9770.

- Are you fluent in Spanish? Do you know someone who is bilingual? We need them! Half of the participants at the FAIR are Hispanic and many will need language assistance. Call Patti, Kathy or Marlie!

## Illinois Students Vote

Student/Parent Mock Election, to increase students' political awareness and to encourage parents to vote on November 5th. The students will hold their "mock election" one week earlier, on **October 30th**.

Activities are focused on future voters who will make up a new generation of voting adults within a few years.

Students in grades K-12 and their parents are eligible to participate. Involving students in a hands-on project like the Mock Election is a valuable teaching tool to increase understanding of the election process. Parents who, along with their children, get excited about the issues and candidates are more likely to vote.

The process is simple. Interested schools register to participate in the program and receive curriculum suggestions and activities. Discussion

of issues and a variety of activities designed to learn about the electoral process lead up to Mock Election Day, October 30. Students and parents cast their votes and await the results broadcast from State and National Election Central Headquarters. CNN will broadcast the national results.

So far, Lake Forest High School and District 65 schools have indicated interest in the project. Over the summer plans will be made to make the election a reality for the students of our community.

If you like to be a part of what *Time* magazine has called "the largest voter education project ever," contact Ann Hollis (295-2463) in late August when plans will be more definite for our area elections.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund is the coordinator for Illinois Students Vote, a statewide education project for future voters. Honorary Illinois co-chairs for this project are Governor Jim Edgar and Senator Paul Simon.

Illinois Students Vote is part of a national program, the National

## Dates to Remember . . . 96-97 Tentative Program

- June 8-11 42nd National Convention, League of Women Voters of the US, Chicago  
June 29 "DEBTBUSTERS" Evening Social at Diane Lloyd's. (Reservations by June 20th)  
July 4 Voter Registration at Artesian Park, Lake Bluff  
August 7 Kids 1st Health Fair, Waukegan West High School  
Labor Day Weekend Voter Registration at Deerpath Art League Art Fair, Lake Forest  
September 18 Review of Illinois Academic Assessment Stands, 7:30 p.m., Northern Trust Bank, Waukegan Rd., LF  
September 26 Brown Bag info-session: Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election), 11:30 a.m., Gorton  
October 9 New Member Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's  
Candidates Forums (TBA - 2nd or 3rd week in October)  
October 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools  
November Campaign Finance with Grace Mary Stern and Virginia Fiester Frederick (TBA)  
December 9 or 11 Holiday Luncheon with Barbara Rinella's book review of First Ladies by Margaret Truman  
January 15 Township Government Panel Discussion  
February 22 George Washington's Cocktail Party at Pru Beidler's  
March 12 County Board Panel Discussion  
April 23 City and Village Administrators on balance between environment & development  
May 7 ANNUAL MEETING



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# League Lines

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September Program:

## Illinois Academic Standards Presentation

Ed Gorwa, Regional Superintendent of Schools  
Roycealee Wood, Assistant Regional  
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Gerry Van Pelt, Director of Educational Services

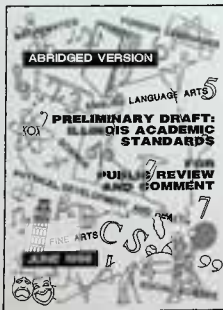
Wednesday, September 25, 1996  
7:30 p.m.

Baggett Room, Deer Path Elementary School  
95 W. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest

co-sponsored by School Districts 65, 67, 145  
and Delta Kappa Gamma

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Improving the quality of public education must be a shared priority. Ensuring that our children acquire the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful in their education, career and community life requires a joint effort of educators and school board members, as well as business, community and civic representatives.

In order for such cooperation to take place, the intended results of schooling must be defined and communicated in ways that all participants can understand and use.

The presenters will review the contents of the *Preliminary Draft: Illinois Academic Standards for Public Review and Comment* which proposes the essential academic knowledge and skills all students should learn as a result of their public education. When this document is finalized, it will serve as a guide to help our children acquire the essential learning. It will also serve as a basis for communicating the expected results of Illinois schooling to our residents and the rest of the nation.

Please make time to hear the review of this work in progress. Become an active participant in the ongoing process of developing a set of academic standards that will focus the work of schools as they prepare our children for the future.



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## President's Message

Dear League Members:

Our League has clearly demonstrated its strength and vitality, both on the national level and on the local community level. In June, Judy Grisamore and I represented our League at the League Of Women Voters of the United States 42nd National Convention held in Chicago. (See page 6 for a summary). The convention established direction for the League for the next two years. After much debate, we as delegates voted to support the broad theme, "Making Democracy Work."

Making Democracy Work has specific and timely meaning for our League. Initially the national theme was to be "Initiative to Renew Democracy." When the delegates decided they didn't like this wording, Judy and I proposed Making Democracy Work. It was one of three final themes and delegates voted to accept it as the new theme to characterize the national program.

The program, Making Democracy Work has already been "put to work" at a local level. Recently the League was asked to assist the Village of Lake Bluff in collecting 350 signatures of Lake Bluff registered voters. These signatures would ensure that the Knollwood annexation issue would be placed on the ballot as an advisory referendum November 5th. By adhering to the democratic process, those who are either for or against annexing Knollwood into Lake Bluff will have an opportunity to cast a ballot and vote on this issue.

Since 1982, the League has taken a position in support of the annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. We have continued to endorse that position over the years, based on zoning issues and a sharing of schools and parks by both communities.

However, as a board we wanted to be updated. We invited John Katsas to provide background information at a special meeting. After a review of the annexation history, and discussion on the current role of the League, we agreed we would continue to support annexation, based on reasons for establishing our original position in 1982. We have yet to determine whether the financial impact estimates or details of the special service district plan should influence our future support of annexation.

Each League member was sent an update on Knollwood annexation which listed the steps we will be taking. We will hold an informational meeting in October and call a membership meeting to assess our annexation position. The date for this membership meeting will be set as soon as the date for the informational meeting has been established. We welcome all support and assistance. If you are interested, please give me a call.

As you can see, our program schedule is full. Candidate forums have been agreed upon, and as an organization we are intent on reaching out in ways that will benefit our communities, always striving to make democracy work! Please review our program schedule and mark your calendar for at least one event. Our strength and vitality, nationally and locally, is a reflection of our membership. The entire board thanks you for your support and participation.

*Susan*

## 1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Financial Audit Report

I have examined the bank records of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff as of April 10, 1996 and find them to be in agreement with the Treasurer's records and reports. I have also audited the accounts payable and find everything to be properly documented and in good order. The bank balance as of 4/10/96 is \$4,162.49.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Anne Sorsen



## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK - Help Register Voters !!!

### Deputy Registrar Training:

Two training sessions for deputy registrars have been scheduled for early September. After completing one of these hour-long sessions led by the county clerk's office you can register voters through the League. Call Diane Lloyd, LWV Lake County Voter Service Chair (615-9182) if you can attend either session:

Thursday, September 5, 10:00 a.m.  
County Building, Board Office  
18 N. County Street, Waukegan

Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Gorton Community Center, Green Room  
400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest

### Voter Registration Dates:

Registrars are being scheduled for the following dates for Voter Registration. Many hands are needed to cover this busy pre-presidential election time. If you are a deputy registrar, please call Char Kreuz, Voter Registration chair (295-3427), to indicate your availability.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER VOTERS: OCTOBER 8, 1996

*Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2*  
Annual Art Fair sponsored by Deer Path Art League  
Market Square, Lake Forest  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14*  
Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale  
Market Square, Lake Forest  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Friday, September 27*  
Lake Bluff Farmers' Market  
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo  
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

*Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28*  
Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale  
Market Square, Lake Forest  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Saturday, September 28*  
Lake Forest Public Library  
360 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Sunday, September 29*  
Lake Forest Public Library  
60 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

*Friday, October 4*  
Lake Bluff Farmers' Market  
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo  
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.



### Illinois Students Vote Mock Election October 30, 1996

As of mid-August 1200 schools have registered to participate in the *Illinois Students Vote* Student Mock Election. These schools will be receiving two resource guides, "How to Do It Guide" from Macmillan/McGraw-Hill and "Guide to the Issues" from Time Magazine, to assist classroom teachers with materials and teaching activity suggestions related to the 1996 General Election. The LWVIL will be sending packets of teaching materials developed for participating Illinois schools to further assist teachers.

On October 30 each school will be responsible for calling or faxing the results of that school's election vote to a central election site. Those totals will be forwarded to CNN which will report results by 7:00 p.m. EST. Local Leagues are asked to serve as facilitators for participating schools in terms providing resources, assisting with the actual mock election, and providing incentives for children to more fully participate in the democratic process.

We are finalizing our local plans and will be encouraging all schools in our area to participate in a mock election (There are others being offered. The advantage to this one is there is no cost to the school to participate in a nationwide vote.) Lake Forest High School, Lake Bluff Central Elementary, Lake Bluff Middle School, St. Mary's, and Lake Forest Country Day School have indicated interest in this activity.

If you are the parent of a school age child, please encourage your school to include this activity in the school's curriculum. We will be sharing our plans at a Brown Bag Info-Session at Gorton on September 19 at 11:30 a.m. Our primary focus will be to facilitate the actual vote on October 30th and will need mentors in the schools. Please plan to attend and help. For more information, call Ann Hollis (295-2463).

## Candidates Forums



Voter service co-chairs Anne Csar and Mary Claire Briggs have been busy this summer trying to schedule Candidates Forums for contested local and state offices. Information will be sent to League members (either by mail or in the next newsletter) when the dates are finalized. League volunteers will be needed as ushers, time keepers and question screeners. Please call Anne or Mary Claire to help.

The LWVIL is responsible for scheduling the Candidates Forum for the office of U.S. Senator. If able to be scheduled, information of the forum will also be forthcoming.



## Moderator Training Workshop

A two-hour Moderator Training workshop is scheduled at the LWVIL office on Saturday, September 7, 1996. Marilyn Schadt will be the presenter and will cover procedures and techniques to enable persons to feel confident in the role of moderator. This training will help you if you are asked to moderate a candidates forum or present issues or debates for other organizations to which you might belong.

The cost will be \$10.00 for League members and \$20 for the general public. To register for the training, mail your check to the LWVIL office at 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604.

## Election Day Positions: Represent the League

For the past two elections our League members have served on election day and donated their pay for the day to the League treasury. Its a great deal: making democracy work and building our financial base.

The Lake County Clerk's office is seeking approximately 250 individuals to work at the Tuesday, November 5, 1996 General Primary Election. According to Lake County Clerk Willard R. Helander voter turnout for the presidential election is historically very high and a very large team to administer the many election day duties is needed.

If you can do any of these jobs, contact the County Clerk's office at 360-5827. Please have your name, address, telephone number, and social security number available and tell them you are representing the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League.

For those positions where individuals must provide their own transportation, mileage will be reimbursed at 30 cents per mile. The County Clerk's office will train election day workers in mid September. Positions available are:

Field Representatives visit polling places in assigned areas to ensure that each is set up and functioning properly, check voting booths for tampering, address electioneering concerns, answer questions from election judges and make repairs to voting equipment. Field Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 5:30 a.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m.

Unvoted Absentee Representatives pick up unvoted absentee ballot materials at off-site voting locations and return them to the County Clerk's office. The Clerk's office provides a mini-van. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to early-afternoon.

Voted Absentee Representatives deliver voted absentee ballots to the polling places. Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 12:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Point Representatives pick up voted ballots at collection stations throughout Lake County and deliver them to the County building. The Clerk's office provides a van. Hours: 6:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Collection Station Workers verify that all election materials have been returned, confirm that reconciliation is complete, transfer and seal the good voted ballots for tabulation at the County Building. Hours: 7:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Representatives help election judges with "after the poll's close" reconciliation. Representatives provide their own transportation. Hours: 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Election Results Workers answer telephones and provide election results to the public. Hours: 7:00 p.m. to approximately 1:00 a.m.

## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Welcome New Members

**Ann Brennan**  
331 W. Prospect, Lake Bluff

**Nancy J. Hansen**  
1005 Quassey Ave., Lake Bluff

**Catherine M. Lyczko**  
1007 Plaster Ave., Lake Bluff

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### 1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters will be in the mail soon. Please renew your membership as soon as possible and save time and anguish for your overworked and underpaid board. Be as generous as you can.\*

\*A note from the treasurer:  
Your dues are not tax deductible. We encourage you to be a sustaining member or a patron of the League by giving an additional amount with your dues payment.

This donation to the League can be tax deductible if you make out a separate check to the LWVIL Education Fund.

### Know Someone Who Should Be In The League?

A presidential election year is an extremely active and visible one for the League and an excellent time to recruit new members.

Our League has won awards during the past two years as one of the most active and fastest growing in Illinois and the nation!

Send (or call in) the names of your friends so we can send them an invitation to our October 9th Membership Luncheon at Susan Garrett's home at 11:30 a.m.

Put it on your calendar, too. Details to come.

## Great Decisions . . .

What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

When: 2nd Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3, Lake Forest

Questions? Betty Buker (234-4509)

Great Decisions is an interest group, sponsored jointly by AAUW and LWV of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, to discuss the topics of the Foreign Policy Association study guide. Topics to be read and discussed are:

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September 12: What Future Role for NATO?

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October 10: Failing Nations: What U.S. Response?

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After October an interval will occur until February when the study guide for 1997 will be available and the meetings will resume.

## Bridge Anyone?

Anyone interested in playing with the League's bridge group, please contact Margie Olincy at 234-0624. The group meets on the 1st Monday of the month and dues are \$20.00 per year.

If you like cards, this is a way you can support the work of the League since proceeds from this group are given to the us.



# LWVUS 42nd National Convention Summary



LWV-LF/LB delegates: President Susan Garrett and Vice President/Membership Judy Grisamore

Phyllis Albrecht, LWV-LF/LB member served on the Local Arrangements Committee as Hospitality chair. Other League members served as committee volunteers who helped make the convention a terrific success.

The League culminated its 75th anniversary celebration, taking pride and passion from the past to build a stronger future. The prelude to convention '96 was the arrival of the Victory Train from St. Louis on Friday evening, carrying more than 150 League members on a journey reminiscent of that taken by the suffragists in 1920. The traditional Roll Call of States untraditionally, but fittingly, departed from alphabetical order. State League leaders approached the podium in the order in which their states ratified the 19th amendment with Illinois leading off the parade.

## THIS COUNTRY NEEDS WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

On the second day of Convention '96, LWVUS President Becky Cain told those assembled, "Right now, this country needs what we have to offer: concern for the public interest, grassroots membership, expertise in citizen involvement. Are we ready to make the commitment?"

On the convention's last day, after having been reelected to her third term as president, Cain returned to the provocative theme. "We have everything we need to transform the political landscape by making government more responsive and more relevant," she said.

She repeated the litany of the League's strengths. "We are a true public interest organization. Our agenda is the common good. We're in it because we care about the democratic process. We have 75

years of experience in making that process work. But we have something else. Something very precious to the women and men in this room. We have faith in the system. We know that it can still work. We've seen it work. We've made it work."

"Ours is not a naive or blind faith," Cain continued. "We are aware - painfully aware - of all the problems, faults and miswirings that plague our system of government. But while other people may throw up their hands in disgust, League members are stubborn. We're also effective - and brave. We have everything we need to change the way politics is done in America and to restore public confidence. Your action at this convention and the action you take when you return to your communities will have a measurable impact on this country."

## PROGRAM

The convention adopted 1996-98 national program for advocacy and education culminating a year-long process that involved hundreds of League members. This year, the process was driven by the growing mood of cynicism about government and about citizens' ability to help shape the country's future. The LWVUS board decided to start off the program planning process by sharing with members a proposal for a concerted and comprehensive campaign to strengthen democracy and engage more citizens in the work of shaping better communities and a better country.

More than 70 percent of Leagues that participated in the program planning process supported the proposed Issue for Emphasis: "A comprehensive advocacy and education campaign to make government more responsive to citizens and to build citizen participation and confidence in government," with the working title, *Initiative to Renew Democracy*. Leagues' responses helped the proposed campaign take shape.

The Issue for Emphasis was proposed as a real departure from League "business as usual." A concerted focus on the League's "core issues" was called for as necessary to ensure an effective campaign. While all current positions would be maintained and while the flexibility to respond to other potential action needs would remain, the local and state Leagues participating in the program

planning process supported a two-year emphasis on the League's basic mission: ensuring citizen participation in government.

Although support for reconnecting citizen to government was strong, the convention debated the "focused" nature of the proposed Issue for Emphasis. Some delegates argued that it would mean "abandonment" of the League's multi-issue program and approach. Supporters countered that just the opposite was the intent: that "making democracy work" again and reestablishing the commitment to the common good was fundamental to achieving all of the League's public policy goals.

The convention defeated three not-recommended items that illustrated the debate:

- \* "Adopt Building Sustainable Communities as the goal of our advocacy efforts, with emphasis on health care, early intervention for children at risk, crisis in the community, which includes environmental concerns and opening government to citizens."

- \* "The LWVUS should not abandon the 1994-96 Issues for Emphasis but should continue to emphasize in 1996-98 the same substantive and interconnected issues: Health Care, Early Intervention for Children at Risk, Crisis in the Community, and Opening Government to Citizens."

- \* "Adopt a restudy of the role, structure and financing of the United Nations."

Delegates voted their support for adoption of the proposed Issue for Emphasis, renamed "Making Democracy Work."

The convention readopted all current LWVUS positions in Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy, with no changes.

The LWVUS will publish a new edition of *Impact on Issues for the new biennium* in fall 1996. The 1996-98 edition will include updates on action taken under League positions during the past two years.

Mark your calendars now for Convention '98 in San Diego, California, June 12-17, 1998. See you on the beach!

## Kids' 1st Health Fair

Kids 1st  
HEALTH  
FAIR

LAKE COUNTY

On August 7th the Annual Kids' 1st Health Fair co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lake County and the Lake County Health Department was held at Waukegan West High School.

During the hours of the fair 1040 families (2065 children) were served. Thanks to the over 600 volunteers and corporate and community support for once again making the fair a successful service to the community.

Plan ahead now to volunteer at next year's fair.

## Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

On August 12th, at the Lake Bluff Village Board Meeting, Village President Fred Wacker announced that the 350 Lake Bluff signatories required to place the annexation issue on the November 5th ballot had been collected. Thanks to League members Mary Claire Briggs, Ann Grant, Peg Halner, Linda Hinde, Emily Jennings, Joann Meigs, Alice Sievert, Janice Schnobrich, and Linda Williams who dedicated their time and effort to see this process through.

At our August 21st board meeting, we determined that the League will continue to facilitate the process. First we will establish a framework to provide an effective informational meeting to the community. Second, we will hold a membership meeting to determine what additional action, if any, we will take on our official position regarding annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. The League's long-standing position is one of support for annexation, based on zoning, and sharing of schools and parks. We have yet to determine whether the financial impact estimates or details of the special service district plan should influence our future support of annexation.

### NEXT STEPS:

#### \* ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO PLAN A COMMUNITY-WIDE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We are asking all league members interested in this issue to volunteer their time and expertise. We anticipate a total of 3 meetings. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th at Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Susan Garrett at 295-4001 if you plan to attend.

#### \* HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

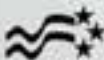
The date for this informational meeting will be set as soon as the details of the special service district have been officially released from the Village of Lake Bluff.

#### \* HOLD A MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO ASSESS OUR ANNEXATION POSITION

The date for this membership meeting will be set as soon as the date for the informational meeting has been established.

Your input and expertise are very important. We hope to hear your ideas at our committee meeting on September 5th. Thanks in advance for your support.

## For Your Information: Gun Control Presentation



On Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am, Phil Andrew will make a presentation called, "Gun Control: It's Time to Win" at the Fall meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Deerfield-Lincolnshire Area. The meeting, which includes brunch, will be held in the Community Room at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Ln., Deerfield. The public is welcome.

Phil is most widely known for being a victim of Laurie Dann's shooting in the Winnetka school a few years ago. He recovered, got his law degree, and is now a very active advocate for handgun regulation and the reduction of firearm violence. He is Chairperson of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence and President of the Illinois Citizens for Handgun Control. Phil works for the Chicago Housing Authority as an Assistant General Counsel. He has also been employed in the political arena with Grace Mary Stern, John Porter, and both the Lake and Cook County States Attorneys. He has been featured on several national talk shows and delivers a powerful message.

Phil's presentation will be followed by a discussion on the realities of gun control and how citizens can participate in the campaign against violence caused by firearms. For further information, please call 945-5639.

## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Voter Registration at Art Fair sponsored by Deer Path Art League, Market Square, LF, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 4 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m. (bring a brown bag lunch)
- 5 Deputy Registrar Training, County Bldg. Board Office, 18 N. County St., Waukegan, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Formation of Knollwood Informational Meeting Committee, Friends' Room, Gorton Community Center, noon
- 7 Moderator Training Workshop, LWVIL State Office, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago
- 10 Deputy Registrar Training, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Buler's
- 13-14 Voter Registration at Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale, Market Square, LF, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 19 Brown Bag Info-session: *Illinois Students Vote* (Student Mock Election), Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 *Review of Illinois Academic Standards*, Baggett Room, Deer Path Elementary School, LF, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake-Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 27 League Bridge Group
- 27-28 Voter Registration at LF Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale, Market Square, LF, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 28 Voter Registration at LF Public Library, 360 E. Deerpath, LF, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 29 Voter Registration at LF Public Library, 360 E. Deerpath, LF, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 7 Candidates Forums (more details in next newsletter)
- 8 Last Day to Register to Vote in the Nov. 5 General Election
- 9 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Buler's
- 25 League Bridge Group
- 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools

### NOVEMBER

- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWV-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle. The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Fiestler Frederick and Grace Mary Stern, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
(LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

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# League Lines

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## Candidates Forums

### Monday, October 7

Gorton Community Center

co-sponsored by LWV-LF/LB and LWV-Lake County

7:30 p.m.

#### **Lake County Circuit Court Clerk**

Jacqueline Jones (Democratic)  
Sally D. Coffelt (Republican)  
(statements by both candidates)

7:30 p.m.

#### **Lake County Recorder of Deeds**

Mary Ellen Vanderventer (Democratic)  
Robert P. Neal (Republican)  
(statements by both candidates)

8:15 p.m.

#### **State Senator**

30th Legislative District  
Terry Link (Democratic)  
Thomas F. Lachner (Republican)  
(written questions from audience)

### Wednesday, October 16

Heller Nature Center

2821 Ridge Road, Highland Park  
co-sponsored with LWV-Highland Park

7:30 p.m.

#### **State Representative 60th District**

Lauren Beth Gash (Democratic)  
Joel D. Gingiss (Republican)

### Monday, October 28

Deerfield Public Library  
920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield  
co-sponsored with LWV-Deerfield

7:30 p.m.

#### **County Board Member District 21**

Pat Wilder (Democratic)  
Martha Marks (Republican)

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Bring a prospective member to the

### Fall Membership Luncheon

Wednesday, October 9

11:30 a.m.

at the home of Susan Garrett

LWV-LF/LB President

1181 W. Melody Road, Lake Forest

Members: please bring a salad to serve 6 to 8 or \$5.00.

Prospective members will be our guests.

RSVP: Acceptances Only

Judith Grisano 234-3510 or Diane Lloyd 615-9182



## League Lines

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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

## President's Message

Dear League Members:

The League of Women Voters is truly among the most effective and active organizations working today. I am amazed at the many ways in which our members contribute to our community and to our country. We participate in a wide range of community services, all of which are important.

This became apparent recently when our membership chairs, Judy Grisamore and Diane Lloyd, put together a list of multiple opportunities for League members to be active and involved in. Registering citizens to vote, holding candidate forums, monitoring environmental issues and facilitating a process for complex issues such as the Knollwood annexation are just a few examples of our activities. Yet we don't expect our members to be actively involved in all that goes on. As I've told prospective members, even if your schedule doesn't allow for much participation in special projects, being a member of the League is a great way to support the democratic process, and have fun doing it!

The board continues to do an outstanding job. Our calendar is filled with programs, meetings, a nominating procedures study, a student mock election, and for the first time, a reception for Lake Forest residents to meet city officials on November 7th. As you read the articles pertaining to League events in the Lake Forester and the Chicago Tribune, know that Liese Kant has been successfully handling the publicity for the League. Special thanks also goes to Char Kreuz for organizing one of the most aggressive and successful voter registration drives our League has seen. Anne Csar has worked overtime in organizing our local candidate forums (October 7th, 7:30 p.m., Gorton) and has provided the League with a Candidate Participation Policy, a great step forward in establishing "debate" rules for candidates.

I hope to see you at our annual membership luncheon on Wednesday, October 9th. This has always been a wonderful opportunity for members to get together. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a League member, please invite her (or even him) to attend with you. Our door is always open!

And, as always, thanks for your support.

*Susan Garrett*

## Nonpartisanship & The League

With the election fast approaching (and another one always on the horizon), we need to remind ourselves about our nonpartisanship policy.

The League of Women Voters NEVER supports particular candidates or political parties. We support only specific issues which our members have studied and on which we have come to consensus/agreement.

Each fall, local league boards review and reaffirm their own nonpartisanship policy. If you would like to have a complete copy of our policy, call any board member!





## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

### Deputy Registrars Added to Our List of Hard Workers!

The following have taken the registrar training since our last reporting of registrars. Congratulations and Thank You!

Beverly Adamczyk	Margaret Holding
Phyllis Albrecht	Linda Hinde
Lorraine Bach	Arlene Loepp
Linda Bartmes	Patricia Loftus
Mary Claire Briggs	Christine Moses
Anne Csar	Donna Ryckmann
Susan Garrett	Joan Toole
Judy Grisamore	

### Voter Registration Dates:

Registrars have been very busy during this pre-presidential election time. Char Kreuz, Voter Registration chair, thanks all who've assisted with our many scheduled registration periods. Look for her report next month of the many hours donated to registering and updating records for voters in our communities.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER VOTERS. OCTOBER 8, 1996.

Friday, October 4

Lake Bluff Farmers' Market  
Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo  
7 a.m.-11 a.m.

## Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

### Informational Meeting Set For October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School

In September, League members volunteered to serve on a committee to establish the framework for an informational meeting regarding the Knollwood annexation issue. The committee, chaired by Liese Karl, is comprised of Phyllis Albrecht, Christa Donnelly, Susan Garrett, Carol Russ-Gilbert, Nancy Hansen, Linda Hinde, Joan Kallsas, Cindy Morehead, Melanie Rummel, Janice Schnobrich and Alice Sievert.

The informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School at 7:30 p.m. It will be moderated by Melanie Rummel (who expertly moderated the Knollwood meeting sponsored by the League last year in October). We expect to have the meeting broadcast on Channel 19.

The committee has identified key questions for various village, township and county officials to answer at the meeting. These questions will be mailed in advance to participating officials. Additionally, after the submitted questions from the League have been answered, questions from the audience will be taken.

The League's intent is to ensure an even-handed approach for establishing questions and the framework for the October 23rd meeting. League President, Susan Garrett said she "believes the meeting will provide answers to questions that definitely need to be addressed." Lake Bluff registered voters may vote for or against the annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff on November 5th.

## Reception for Lake Forest City Officials & Residents

Lake Forest residents are encouraged  
to meet with their aldermen and city officials  
at a reception  
hosted by The League of Women Voters of  
Lake Forest and Lake Bluff

Thursday, November 7th  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber in Lake Forest City Hall  
220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest

All Lake Forest residents are invited.  
Refreshments will be served.

## ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION: OCTOBER 30th

(homerooms) elected deputy registrars who were trained by L.

and became eligible to vote in the Mock Election to be held on October 30th

selected and trained for the day of the election

These students, as well as students at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Country Day School, St. Mary's School, and Lake Bluff Central Elementary School, are participating in a nation-wide program which affords students an opportunity to participate actively in the political process by simulating an actual election in local school districts. Through class activities, students will study the candidates and issues of the 1996 state and national elections in order to make informed voting decisions.

If your child attends a school that would like to participate in the program, have the principal or teacher contact Ann Hollis. Schools may vote even if they have not registered into the program, we just need to get them the ballots and reporting information.

Volunteers are needed to be classroom speakers on topics including citizen responsibility and the how-to's of registering to vote are needed at schools; trainers for election officials, and trouble-shooters the day of the election. League members who would like to be a part of the process should contact Ann Hollis (295-2463). Be sure to watch CNN the night of October 30 to hear the national vote tabulation (around 7 p.m. EST). It should be interesting to see if the students' vote will be a predictor of the actual November 5th vote!!



## Lake Michigan Inter-League Group 1996 Annual Meeting



Join us at the Holiday Inn in Hammond, IN, for the Lake Michigan Inter-League Group Annual Meeting on October 18-19, 1996. Organized under the auspices of the LWWUS as well as the state LWW's of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, the group includes over 70 local leagues in the Lake Basin. Its purpose is to help protect our precious resource, Lake Michigan. Through the group expertise and interest in Lake Michigan and its watershed is pooled and information is made available to local leagues. The group takes action on study positions on pesticides, phosphates, power plants, shoreline erosion, dredging & filling, and water quality. The following plans for this year meeting are below.

The PCBs, PAHs and heavy metals in the bottom of the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal have been seeping into Lake Michigan for years. Last year we saw how the Corps of Engineers was going to dredge the Canal and store the sediment in concrete. So many questions arose about this plan - Will the uncovered sediments create noxious odors? What about

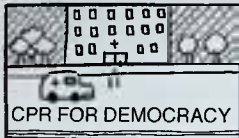
the effect on neighboring schools and homes? - that a coalition hired independent scientists to study it and make recommendations. On Friday afternoon we will hear the analysis of the plan from those who commissioned the study

But wait... There's more! Suddenly, everyone wants to buy Hammond's water. Communities in both Indiana and Illinois use the water, but is it discharged back into the Lake Michigan basin? And what's that new proposal to form a network of Great Lakes Leagues and how will it affect us? After dinner Gordon Durnil, former chairman of the International Joint Commission and author of The Making of a Conservative Environmentalist will discuss how he believes the government is misdirected in protecting the environment. Since the charge of the IJC is to resolve and prevent disputes about water quality, air quality and water quantity between the United States and Canada, he will have much to say about what should and should not go in the lake

Do you know about the push to reauthorize all abandoned industrial sites so that they may become new industries? On Saturday we will hear testimony from Gary, Hammond and East Chicago whose initial reauthorization is being funded to push for a joint grant from the EPA and the United States and Canada. On the way we will visit the site of the Greenbelt Museum area of the Ship Canal and the site of the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal which borders the Lake Michigan basin.

For further details, contact: Harriet Schlesinger (219/932-2212) or Vollie Riskin (219/844-7305)

## LWWIL Fall Regionals 1996



## ALL LEAGUERS:

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT  
TODAY!

## APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

Wilmette.....Wednesday, October 23, 9am - 2pm  
 Glen Ellyn.....Saturday, October 26, 9am - 2pm

New insights into strengthening our communities, information on  
 priority issues, hands-on learning, take-home material, networking!  
 Come to fall regionals - and bring a friend!

9:00 a.m. Registration - Coffee, Networking and Publication Sales

9:30 a.m. **DIAGNOSIS**

Changing Times/Changing Communities - General Session  
 Increasing lack of civility, distrust of public leaders and inability to solve serious problems have come to  
 characterize our communities. This session will explore how communities have changed and what is  
 needed to improve civic health.

10:15 a.m. **PRESCRIPTION**

Community Partnerships: Key to Making Democracy Work - General Session  
 This interactive session will focus on the why's, how-to's and challenges of doing effective community  
 outreach and provide examples of successful collaborative efforts.

11:45 a.m. **TRANSFUSIONS** - Nourishment, Networking and Publication Sales12:30 p.m. **TREATMENTS** - Choose 1 workshop

Specific topic workshops will illustrate strategies for working on issues as well as how to form  
 collaborations, build visibility, membership, and diversity for your League.

- ✓ **Stop the Cycle of Violence Against Children**  
 Do you know the signs of violence in your community? Learn about successful prevention programs and  
 receive the new LWWIL Preventing Violence Against Children Action Kit. Get started on violence  
 prevention in your community.
- ✓ **The Graying of America: Is Your Community Prepared?**  
 Workshop demonstrates the survey developed by the LWWIL Senior Needs Task Force to assess the  
 services available for older adults in your community and, using local League examples, discusses  
 possible next steps for meeting senior needs.
- ✓ **Campaign Finance: Seeing the Forest Through the Trees**  
 Workshop participants will engage in an interactive process to define the problem of money in politics,  
 clarify the issues and wrestle with options for action.

2:00 p.m. **DISCHARGE** - Take prescriptions to your community!

COST (includes lunch): \$17.00 per person up to 10 days before the meeting; after that, \$19.00.  
 REGISTRATION: Contact local League president Susan Garrett (295-4001).

## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Not sure how to ask a friend to join the League?

Here are some tips from LWWV president Becky Cain...

- Usually I come right out and ask them to join. This could be someone I'm working with in a project, someone I know in the community, or someone sitting in the next seat on an airplane. People are forever asking me if they can join. It is as if they feel there is some special criterion they must meet.
- Another method is asking "What are your concerns affecting citizens today?" People will talk about their children, schools, or what they don't like about their community. These are natural League issues. Explain the mission of the organization. And, tell them how they can become involved in the League in the community.
- It is very rare that I have any kind of discussion with someone who does not know something about the League. People know and respect the League. Don't be selfish, let people know about us.
- I always wear my LWW pin. I feel naked without it! It gives me another opportunity to talk about the strength of the organization. It is a natural conversation piece.
- Almost everyone can see I really believe and care about the League. I project my enthusiasm about a particular project, or the overall good the League has given the country. The League has changed my life. I believe other people should have the same opportunity I've had - to have the same positive experiences the League has to offer. I find that people just naturally want to be part of something like this.
- When someone wants to become a member, help them. This means supporting them, taking an interest in them, and helping them find their strengths so our organization can benefit. One of the most powerful ways we can create active and informed citizens is to sign them up in the League of Women Voters.



### Welcome New & Returning Members

**Beverly J. Adamczyk**  
702 Quassey Avenue, Lake Bluff

**Diane Driscoll**  
130 Ravine Forest Dr., Lake Bluff

**Cynthia Maloney**  
417 Deerpath, Lake Forest

**Helen Melchior**  
35 Rue Forest, Lake Forest

**Mary Jane Wolter**  
1321 Wild Rose Lane, Lake Forest

### 1996-1997 LWW-LF/LB Membership Renewal

Membership renewal letters were sent in September. Thanks to all who have renewed and the many who gave additional donations to the League. If you've not yet sent your dues, an asterisk appears on the name label on this newsletter. Please take time now to find the form, and mail in your check (payable to LWW-LF/LB). Your support to the League is greatly appreciated.

### Voters' Resources for the '96 Vote

#### VOTERS GUIDE

The Chicago Tribune will be publishing a special election supplement in their October 1 edition as part of the cooperative effort between the LWWIL Education Fund and the Child's Play Touring Theater Company. The project is being underwritten by Marshall Field's and WPWR-Channel 50. This "pull out" Voters Guide covering Presidential, Vice Presidential and U.S. Senatorial races is designed to encourage kids and adults to talk about the elections.

#### VOTER'S SELF-DEFENSE MANUAL

The *Project Vote Smart* has again offered to send copies of the "Voter's Self-Defense Manual" to League members. This is a non-partisan organization which produces a pamphlet about elected officials in Washington. It has addresses and phone numbers, position statements, performance evaluations by liberal and conservative organizations, voting records and campaign finance contributions. Send your request for a manual(s) to Project Vote Smart, 129 NW 4th St., #204, Corvallis OR 97330. They will send as many as you need. Computer access to the information can be obtained through Vote Smart Web: <http://www.vote-smart.org> or Gopher Access: [gopher.vote-smart.org](http://gopher.vote-smart.org) or Bulletin Board Access: 541-737-3777 (14.4K BNI).



#### WEB SITES (more listed in the Fall '96 Illinois Voter)

League of Women Voters: <http://www.electricity.com/~lwv/>  
Power the Vote: <http://www.lhj-wv.com/> ("only election web site especially for women," joint project of the League of Women Voters & Ladies' Home Journal, LWW Voter Guide, LHJ candidate profiles)  
Presidential Debates (sites & dates): <http://sa.acusd.edu>  
Clinton-Gore '96: <http://dolphin.gulf.net/political/nrml>  
Dole for President: <http://www.dole96.com>  
All Things Political: <http://dolphin.gulf.net/political/html>

## For Your Information . . .

**The Issues****A Fall 1996 Current Events Series**

Presented by the Women's Board of Lake Forest College  
Lake Forest College Chapel, Middle Campus

Three Wednesday Mornings from 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.  
One Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. with optional dinner to follow

October 2 - "The 1996 Election and the Future of the Two-Party System"  
Professor Paul Fischer, Politics Department

October 9 - "Tax Cuts, Welfare Reform, and Balanced Budgets: Where is the Economy Heading?"  
Professor Carolyn Tuttle, Economics Department

October 16 - "Foreign Policy Issues in the Election"  
Professor Michael Ebner, History Department

October 22 - "A View from The Potomac: How Washington Sees the Issues"  
Judge Marian Blank Horn, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C.  
1995-96 Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Cost of the series is \$60. Tickets will be issued for each talk. Individual tickets available for \$20. Dinner on Tuesday, October 22 will be an additional \$25 each. For more information or reservations, call 735-6002.

Proceeds help support the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Program which brings outstanding individuals to campus annually to share their expertise with the campus and community.

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park presents . . .

**Juvenile Justice in the Year 2000**

(or will the juvenile court system be obsolete?)

with Ms. Bernadine Dohme, Director

Children and Family Justice Center

Northwestern University Legal Clinic of the

Northwestern University School of Law

Highland Park Hospital, A.V. Lecture Hall

October 2, 1996 - 7:30 p.m.



The Lake County Women's Coalition invites you to its Second Annual Tea Party

**Share the Dream:****Celebrating Women, Honoring Olympians**

Monday, October 20, 1996  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
at the Marriott Lincolnshire

Donation \$15.00

Special Guests: Women of the Olympics

For more information, contact  
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Tickets will be held at the door.

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## Dates to Remember

### OCTOBER

- 2 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Juvenile Justice in the Year 2000, Highland Park Hospital AV Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Voter Registration at LB Farmers' Market, Lake Bluff Village Green Gazebo, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
- 7 CANDIDATES FORUM, Gorton, 7:30 p.m. (State Sen., 30th Leg. District, Lake Co. Circuit Court Clerk; Recorder of Deeds)
- 8 Last Day to Register to Vote in the Nov. 5 General Election
- 9 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 9 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON, 11:30 a.m. at Susan Garrett's
- 12 Great Decisions Discussion Group, Betty Buker's
- 16 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 16 Candidates Forum, Heller Nature Center, 7:30 p.m. (State Rep. 60th District)
- 18-19 Lake Michigan Inter-League Group Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Hammond, IN
- 20 Celebrating Women, Honoring Olympians, Lake Co. Women's Coalition Tea, Marriott Lincolnshire, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 22 Current Events Series, Lake Forest College Chapel, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 LWVIL Regionals, Wilmette, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 23 KNOLLWOOD ANNEXATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING, Lake Bluff Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 League Bridge Group
- 26 LWVIL Regionals, Glen Ellyn, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 28 Candidates Forum, Deerfield Public Library, 7:30 p.m. (County Board Member District 21)
- 30 Illinois Students Vote (Student Mock Election) at participating local schools



### NOVEMBER

- 2 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 11:30 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWV-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Fiester Frederick and Grace Mary Stern and the Grace Mary Stern Chorus, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella; St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

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Don't miss this rare opportunity . . .

Virginia Fiester Frederick, former State Representative  
and  
Grace Mary Stern, former State Senator

*in a lively discussion*

**"Conversations Across the Aisle:  
The General Assembly Then and Now"**  
with the Grace Mary Stern Chorus performing

Wednesday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Gorton Community Center

Coffee & Danish

- No Charge -

Guests are welcome, but space is limited!

Reservations to Elaine Slayton (295-0275) by **November 8**

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## Reception at City Hall

Thursday, November 7th

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber in Lake Forest City Hall  
220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest

All Lake Forest residents and businesspersons are encouraged  
to meet with their aldermen and city officials at a reception  
hosted by LWV of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Refreshments will be served.



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*At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.*

*All members receive League Lines*

## President's Message

Dear League Members,

For the League, election years are not only exciting, but also challenging and ultimately fulfilling. And this election year will prove to be no exception. Our League has made every effort to lead the charge to encourage voter participation and involvement. Here are the facts to date: we have registered over 250 voters, sponsored or co-sponsored three candidate forums (all caucuses), sponsored a mock election to select candidates for the office of the Lake Forester, provided a directory of Candidates with an explanation of issues and nominees, a public forum on the November proposition issue. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the participation of our members. Thank you, one and all.

Our membership drive was very well attended. For those of us who were unable to come, we had over 45 members and prospective members assemble at my home where we provided an overview of the League and its activities. Virginia Frederick, long-time League member, and past State Representative from our 59th District, highlighted the League's valuable role and commitment. You'll be happy to know that over 25 new members have joined the LWW of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff since May 1996.

I hope to see you November 13th at our program with Virginia Frederick and Grace Mary Stern (with her Chorus), "Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Then and Now." This program promises to be a humorous "meeting of the minds" between these two important women - one a Republican, the other a Democrat. Truly, this is a program not to miss!

By the time you receive League Lines, the election results will be known by all. Take comfort (whether your candidates and issues were successful or not) that the League was there, making democracy work, member by member, voter by voter.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR A VERY SPECIAL LEAGUE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Barbara Rinella will present a dramatic book review of  
First Ladies by Margaret Truman

DATE: December 4, 1996

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: St. James Lutheran Church

1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

COST: \$15.00

Catered luncheon will be served.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25 TO ELAINE SLAYTON (847/295-0275)



## Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

**Informational Meeting Held on October 23 at Lake Bluff Middle School**  
On October 23, the League held a public forum at the Lake Bluff Middle School on the proposed annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and last 3-1/2 hours - the final question was asked at 11:00 p.m.! The meeting was cablecast live, gavel to gavel, and will be broadcast on Cable Channel 19 on Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.; and Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

The League's goal was of offer an objective forum; a forum that would allow those officials with different views to weigh in on the proposed annexation of Knollwood into Lake Bluff. Officials answering questions included representatives from the Lake County Board, Lake Bluff Park Board, Lake Bluff Plan Commission, School District 65, Shields Township and the Village of Lake Bluff.

Here is how the League put this program together: Nineteen questions were compiled by a committee of thirteen League members. We identified key concerns relating to annexation, decided on appropriate questions to address those concerns, and several drafts later, finalized our questions as well as program logistics. At the meeting, League questions were asked to officials until 9:00 p.m. We allowed for an intermission and resumed the program with questions from members of the audience until 11:00 p.m. Over 50 questions were submitted before the program began, and we collected approximately 300 questions in all! Our question screeners, Diane Lloyd, Beth Kress and Elaine Slayton, did an exceptional job dividing the questions into specific categories.

We are confident that the forum addressed all the most significant questions surround annexation. Each official body that responded to questions did an excellent job. We believe it is fair to say that those who attended the forum (approximately 300), or those who viewed it on cable, were pleased with the results.

A special thanks goes to Melanie Rummel who moderated the first meeting on the Knollwood annexation and agreed to moderate the forum on October 23rd. She proved to be a perfect moderator. Additional thanks to Lorraine Bach, Peg Holding, Eleanor Knight, Cait Lysko and Mary Lane Mathews for their work as timers, ushers overall program coordination.

Many League members worked to ensure the success of the program. They include Phyllis Albrecht, Christa Donnelly, Linda Hinde, Susan Garrett, Carol Russ Gilbert, Nancy, Hansen, Joan Kaltsas, Liese Kant, Cindy Morehead, Jan Schnobrich and Alice Sievert.

The League should be proud of our efforts to inform the voters on this issue. Residents of both Knollwood and Lake Bluff expressed appreciation for being able to receive the facts in a neutral and comprehensive manner.

## ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION

In the next issue of League Lines, final results of the Illinois Students Vote Mock Election on October 30 will be reported. Students in several Lake Forest and Lake Bluff schools had the opportunity to cast their votes for President, US Senator, US Representative, State Senator and State Representative. Their results were phoned or faxed into a central tabulating station in Oak Park, the statewide results were then sent to CNN in Atlanta and broadcast nationwide that evening.

In an effort to simulate the voting process students have learned about voter registration, the responsibilities of informed voting, and the actual election day voting process. The League has been able to make presentations to students in the Lake Forest High School political science class as well as 4th and 5th grade classes at Central Elementary in Lake Bluff. Teachers and administrators have been very supportive of the project.

An offshoot of the project has been developing internship possibilities for students in the high school political science class. To fulfill one of the class requirements is 8-10 hours of community service, one student has worked with deputy registrars registering voters and will travel on election day with League members working the election as field representative, absentee ballot collector, and election judge.

Many thanks to all League members who have assisted the children of our community in this exercise in democracy.



## Making Democracy Work

### Record Number of Voters Registered

Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League members registered 651 voters from May 20 through October 8, according to Char Kreuz, Voter Registration Chair. Included were first-time voters (both 18 year-olds and newly-naturalized citizens), those who moved from other states or counties to Lake County, those who moved within Lake County, motor voters, and voters whose names had changed.

Thanks to Diane Lloyd for arranging the training sessions for the 15 new deputy registrars trained between mid-July and mid-September. This swelled the ranks of deputy registrars to 34.

League registrars were on hand at the Lake Bluff Fourth of July Parade, Lake Forest Day, the Deer Path Art League's Festival of Art, the Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale, the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale, and at two Lake Bluff Farmers' Market days. In addition, voters were registered at Lake Forest High School, Lake Bluff Library, Lake Forest Library, Barat College, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Newcomers fall luncheon, at several sites arranged through the Lake County League, and by individual League members.

A reminder that one important job remains: getting to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, to cast your ballot. And with thanks to all of these League deputy registrars for the record total of voters registered:

Beverly Adamczyk	Anne Czar	Linda Hinde	Eleanor Knight	Bea Mueller
Phyllis Albrecht	Susan Garrett	Ann Hollis	Char Kreuz	Janice Schnobrich
Lorraine Bach	Judy Griesamore	Emily Jennings	Diane Lloyd	Julie Shackelford
Gertrude Barnett	Peggy Hafner	Joan Kalteas	Patricia Loftus	Elaine Slayton
Mary Claire Briggs	Peg Heldring	Susan Kessler	Chirs Moses	Joan Toole

### Voters' Resources for the '96 Vote

To help you make informed decisions when you cast your ballot on November 5, the following resources are available to you:

LWW-LF/LB Voters' Guide (insert in the newsletter; extra copies in the League mailbox at Gorton) containing responses to questions or statements requested by the League from candidates for 10th District U.S. Representative, 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk.

Voters' Guide "The Power to Make A Difference" October 1, 1996 Special Edition from the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Legal* for voters.

Cablecast Channel 19 presentation of the October 23rd League Moderated Informational Meeting on Knollwood Annexation (Fridays, 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m.)

Cablecast Channel 19 presentation of October 7th LWW-LF/LB Candidates Forum with candidates for 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk (Mondays, 3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.)

Videotapes of the October 23rd League Moderated Informational Meeting on Knollwood Annexation (available at Center Video store in Lake Bluff and the Lake Bluff Public Library)

Videotapes of the October 7th LWW-LF/LB Candidates Forum with candidates for 30th Legislative District State Senator, Lake County Recorder of Deeds and Lake County Circuit Court Clerk (available at the Lake Forest Public Library and the Lake Bluff Public Library)

# 1996 Voter's Guide



The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization whose purpose is to encourage informed citizen participation in government. The League helps to educate citizens about public issues, observes governing bodies and provides information for the voters at election time. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age.

During the past weeks, several candidates' forums have been held to provide the candidates in contested elections opportunities to answer questions from the public regarding issues related to the offices sought. The following voter's guide contains information obtained from candidates.



## U.S. Representative, 10th Congressional District

The following information has been shared by the League of Women Voters of Highland Park.

### Candidates: John E. Porter (Rep) and Philip R. Torf (Dem)

#### Responses of Philip R. Torf - Democrat

**1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what do you believe are the necessary elements in effective campaign finance reform legislation?**

Campaign finance reform is desperately needed to end special interest domination of the political process and restore popular faith in our government. While campaigns have grown far too expensive and focused on paid advertising, legislation aimed at restricting contributions has failed to blunt the power of large contributors to influence elections and legislation. Too often the very scale of largesse heaped upon incumbents forecloses the sort of challenge which would force public scrutiny of a candidate's record and fundraising. I would focus reforms on ensuring that every federal election offers voters a credible alternative through public financing for candidates who agree to strict spending and fundraising limits. Alternatively, I would endorse a ten dollar refundable tax credit for campaign contributions to ensure that average Americans have an impact on elections proportionate to their numbers not their wealth of political clout.

**2. What should the federal government's role be in promoting the economic security of American families?**

Whether we wish it or not, the federal government plays a profound role in determining the economic experience of

all Americans. Unfortunately, this role is often misunderstood, or worse, misstated for political gain. Even Republican Presidential candidate Bob Dole complains that the current strength of the economy has failed to translate into broadly shared prosperity, that "the rich get richer while ordinary men and women work harder and harder for less." But his economic proposal promises to exacerbate the problems, not achieve solutions. An honest appraisal reveals that America's middle class has suffered from three government policies - deficit spending, shifts in the tax burden, and the Federal Reserve's policy of fighting inflation by restraining economic growth.

Most Americans feel overtaxed - and they should. 44% of personal income taxes in 1996 go just to pay interest on the federal debt. If not for the "supply side" tax cuts of the '80's, that money would be available to support education, provide health care, or lower taxes. And by competing for capital, that huge debt raises interest rates, imposing a stealth tax on all Americans who borrow to buy a house, a car, or a college education or carry credit card balances, and on businesses that borrow to invest and build the economy. In 1993, President Clinton courageously delayed middle class tax cuts to ensure credible deficit reduction. The result has been 4 years of declining deficits, improved economic growth, and falling interest rates. Many homeowners saved thousands by refinancing their mortgages. The Republican plan threatens to reverse this progress, with

unspecified spending cuts, supply-side "dynamic scoring" and economic wishful thinking, it is a credit card offer the American people cannot afford.

Bad as the deficits of the '80's were, they would have been much worse if not for payroll tax increases to cover rising health care costs and create a social security surplus to provide for the baby-boomers' retirement. While income and capital gains taxes remain far below what they were when Reagan took office, payroll taxes on working are higher than they have ever been. This shift has given rise to an unstable credit card economy, with consumers borrowing to maintain their lifestyle until they max out and the economy lurches toward recession.

The Republicans often criticize Washington for taking on responsibilities better left to the people. The Federal Reserve's policy of controlling inflation by limiting economic growth and maintaining slack in labor markets has had profoundly negative consequences for the American economy and society. Wage-earners fail to share in productivity gains, and many Americans are simply left out of the economy altogether. What can we do? First we must continue and build upon President Clinton's success in reducing the deficit. It is simply un-American to indenture America's children in perpetuity because we are unwilling to deal honestly with taxes and entitlements. We must carefully target tax relief to the overburdened middle class, to encourage real investment in education and capital that increases productivity and prevent rising wages from vanishing in a

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### Responses of Philip R. Torf - Democrat

self-defeating inflationary spiral. As President Clinton has proved, it is possible to reduce the deficit, improve the economy and, recent ly, even increase wages - all without accelerating inflation. It requires leadership, commitment, and a firm grasp of economic reality.

3. There is currently a ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons, such as UZIs and AK-47s. What is your position on proposals to repeal the ban?

No.

4. The federal government now provides health care coverage for the elderly and the poor, including millions of poor children, through Medicare and Medicaid. Should these programs be cut back, should they be retained at current levels or should the federal government's role be expanded to ensure that all Americans have health insurance?

America has the greatest system of health care delivery in the world, but our system of financing health care, based on private insurance underwriting is expensive, wasteful, and fails to adequately protect even those Americans who have private insurance. Too often, and for too many, private insurance is like the child's game *Survivor* where every change in employment or insurance status offers insurers a chance to drop those who truly need insurance, leaving only a few healthy individuals paying too high premiums. Medicare and Medicaid have been overburdened with the discards of the private system and their growing costs threaten to balloon the federal budget. And the future will be worse. Genetic screening, which should offer insight into the mechanism of disease and warning for early detection, instead threatens patients with exile from the private insurance system, should they possess "markers" for some disorder. The recently passed Kennedy-Kassebaum legislation which guarantees portability for those currently insured is a first step, but it leaves many pitfalls remaining. It is time the federal government took steps to insure that all Americans have access to quality affordable health care.

Should the federal government continue to set regulations to protect the environment and public health?

Yes, just as a consensus was building in the country that recognizes that environmental protections provide cost effective means of controlling floods, processing wastewater, conserving soil and water, supporting recreation, controlling disease, and generally improving the quality of life for all Americans, the Republican takeover of Congress has put all of this progress in jeopardy. I do not believe the American people are ready to abandon decades of bipartisan efforts to clean up our air and water, and to preserve our natural heritage for our children and grandchildren, just to appease the big polluters, developers and resource exploiters who have been allowed to draft legislation for the Republican leaders. And I do not believe that the American people are willing to accept relaxation of public health standards that leave them wondering whether their drinking water and food supply are safe for their children. I will work tirelessly to ensure that we preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

### Responses of John E. Porter - Republican

1. Do you believe campaign finance reform is needed? If so, what do you believe are the necessary elements in effective campaign finance reform legislation?

The big money poured into political campaigns has turned them into big business -- professional marketers determine a candidate's stance on the issues based on their evaluation of what will "sell" and then use negative advertising to destroy their opponent through personal attacks and misleading claims. This leaves voters feeling that no candidate is honest or deserving of support.

The solution is legislation to encourage low campaign spending limits, local involvement, volunteer participation and attention to the issues. I have introduced H.R. 3912 to impose a spending limit of \$300,000 on House elections. If a candidate exceeds that

limit, their opponent receives compensating support (the Supreme Court has held mandatory limits unconstitutional). My bill would halve the current limit on Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions while doubling the limit on individual contributions. I would require that two-thirds of a candidate's funds come from individual donors with no more than 20% of such funds coming from donors living outside the congressional district. My bill would reduce the overwhelming money being poured into campaigns, decrease the influence of PACs, increase the role of individuals from the district and promote candidates responsive to local concerns.

2. What should the federal government's role be in promoting the economic security of American families?

The federal government must create a prosperous economic climate for families by balancing the budget. A balanced

budget means lower long and short term interest rates, reduced inflationary pressures, greater availability of capital for productive use, and an end to annual increases in the national debt and debt service costs (already over \$200 billion annually). For families, this means lower priced goods, reduced interest costs for homes, automobiles and student loans, and improved employment opportunities.

Deficit reduction is and has been my highest priority. Independent organizations such as Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc., the Concord Coalition, the U.S. Chamber of Congress and Citizens for a Sound Economy have repeatedly recognized me for my efforts along these lines. In its report entitled "Tough Choices: Who Made Them and Who Didn't," the Concord Coalition ranked me in the 92nd percentile in Congress for my deficit reduction efforts in 1994. The National Taxpayers Union analysis for 1995 shows

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### Responses of John E. Porter - Republican

that I ranked near the top for my votes to control spending.

**3. There is currently a ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons, such as UZIs and AK-47s. What is your position on proposals to repeal the ban?**

I consistently support legislation to place tough restrictions on the easy availability of handguns and to ban weapons that have no recreational or sporting purpose.

I strongly supported enactment of the Assault Weapons Ban in 1994. I led a bipartisan team that worked on the House floor during the weeks preceding the vote to identify and hold support for this proposal. I oppose repealing this law.

I also strongly supported the Brady Bill -- requiring the Attorney General to establish a background check system to prevent sales of handguns to convicted felons, fugitives, individuals with histories of serious mental illness and drug addicts. I also worked hard to enact this law and oppose efforts to weaken it.

**4. The federal government now provides health care coverage for the elderly and the poor, including millions of poor children, through Medicare and Medicaid. Should these programs be cut back, should they be retained at current levels or should the federal government's role be expanded to ensure that all Americans have health insurance?**

Our health care system has the best technology, personnel, innovation and research. Nevertheless, many are

denied access to health care or risk losing their insurance. I strongly supported recent legislation to limit preexisting condition exclusions, expand individual policy availability, promote guaranteed renewability, initiate Medical Savings Accounts, enhance long-term care affordability and insurance for the self-employed, and crack down on fraud. These are significant steps to improve the market without compromising choice, quality and access.

Biomedical research not only creates high-skill jobs and retains U.S. research leadership and exports, but also leads to treatments, cures and prevention strategies for numerous diseases that save billions in health care costs. As Chairman of the Subcommittee that funds this research, I have made this one of my top priorities in Congress.

I am committed to preserving Medicare and ensuring that seniors receive high quality services at an affordable cost. The fund that pays hospital benefits will be bankrupt by 2001 and Medicare must be reformed to prevent this. Preserving choice is central to Medicare reform. Under legislation I support seniors could stay under the current Medicare program and pay the Part B premium at the same (31.5%) percentage, or they could elect one of four fully prepaid programs such as managed care organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOS), networks set up by doctors and hospitals, or medical savings accounts. They could not be denied entry into any program and could change programs when desired. This would provide seniors with coverage options similar to those millions of Americans enjoy and would both preserve quality and control costs.

I support Medicaid legislation to allow the states to design their own programs while creating an "umbrella" fund to protect

against unforeseen increases in caseload. This legislation would retain current nursing home standards and guarantee care for children, pregnant women, the elderly poor and the disabled. It would also assure sufficient resources -- federal funds to Illinois would increase 56% between 1995 and 2002, with additional funds to serve Native Americans and illegal aliens guaranteed care by federal courts.

**5. Should the federal government continue to set regulations to protect the environment and public health?**

Yes. I have worked hard in Congress to reduce waste and pollution, preserve natural lands and resources, promote energy efficiency and recycling, and protect fragile ecosystems both in the United States and abroad. We should not pass on deficits, including environmental deficits, to future generations and we must act responsibly now so our children inherit a sound environment and a sound economy.

I support eliminating government subsidies that encourage the unsustainable and environmentally damaging use of resources on public lands. Ranchers, loggers and miners must pay a fair share for access to these resources, and they must carry out their activities in a sustainable and environmentally-sound manner. I also advocate effective oversight of our National Parks, Forests, Wildernesses and Refuges to protect these treasures from overutilization. I advocate a strong Endangered Species Act that encourages use of Habitat Conservation Plans. I strongly supported this year's reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, led the fight to stop logging in our old-growth forests, and vigorously oppose opening up the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil drilling.



Election Day is November 5.  
Exercise your Right to Vote.

## 1996 Voter's Guide

## Lake County Circuit Court Clerk

The Clerk's Office is the central bureau of the seat of the County for the 19th Judicial Circuit of Lake County, Illinois. The Clerk's Office is responsible for the administration of the County's judicial system. The Office of the Circuit Court Clerk currently employs 110 people.

## Candidates: Sally D. Coffelt (Rep) and Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones (Dem)

## Statement of Sally D. Coffelt - Republican

Having served as Circuit Court Clerk of Lake County for the past fifteen and one-half years, I am currently running for re-election to my fifth term of office.

I am a lifelong resident of Lake County, having grown up in Wadsworth, Illinois. I graduated from Warren Township High School in 1965 and went on to attend Milikin University in Decatur, Illinois. I received my B.A. in 1969, majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in English.

Many improvements have been made during my tenure as Circuit Court Clerk. In my first term of office, we designed, wrote, and implemented an award-winning automated traffic system which is the basis for our new court information system which will be implemented in December of this year. We also redesigned our office to better utilize space with relationship to office functions. A major accomplishment

of this term was the distribution of all fine monies due to the municipalities, both late and current, within the first six months of taking office. The office has maintained accurate and timely distribution of monies ever since. In my second term of office, we automated child support processing and the small claims division for more efficient case processing. In my third term of office, we began the development and design of our new automated court information system and the preliminary study of image processing for future record keeping. Both of these projects were funded by user fees, not tax dollars. We also began the design process for new office space within the county complex and moved our branch traffic courts into new facilities. I designed and implemented a Career Path for the employees of the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk which has been expanded for use for all clerical employees of the County of Lake and adopted by the County Board for the

purpose of advancement of employees. As my fourth term of office comes to a close, we are preparing to implement the new court information system and we are operating the Small Claims Image/Information System successfully. We have moved into our new offices at the County Building in Waukegan and the new Juvenile Complex is being completed and readied for operation this Fall.

In the future, we must replace our automated child support processing system with a system that is compatible with the IDPA automated system to meet federal requirements and we must begin to address the issue of government accessibility through automation. New laws require constant attention to insure accuracy in our processes and in the records that we maintain. We must continue to monitor these changes and train the staff in the resulting new procedures.

## Statement of Jacqueline "Jackie" Jones - Democrat

Many people have asked me why I am running for this office and my answer can only be why not? My opponent has now served as our Clerk of the Circuit Court for almost 16 years and after reading the report issued in February of this year that details the performance of her Office, I came to the obvious conclusion that I must step forward and run as a candidate in this year's election. Recently I was reminded of a famous quote "Democracy is not a spectator sport" well let me tell you I am not that type of person to stand on the sidelines when I see a problem.

The report I mentioned details the many problems that exist today in the Clerk's Office. The area needing the greatest attention in the Clerk's Office is its management capacity. According to the report and I quote "The deficiencies and barriers can be traced to existing management". The Clerk is the ultimate manager within the Office. The report also states "If the Office does not enhance its management capacity, with the support of the County Administrator and the County

Board, its ability to successfully implement most of the recommendations in this report is questionable." Have any of you ever heard the expression "a tiger doesn't change its stripes"? Well I have, and I know we need a change of management in order to move the Clerk's Office forward into the 21st century.

OK so we need a change, but why is Jackie Jones the candidate we should elect? Because I have the management skills necessary to implement the changes that are needed. I believe a manager should be able to do 5 key things: Set Goals, Organize, Motivate/Communicate, Quantify Needs/Results and most importantly, Develop People. These are the skills that I have proven to the employers I have worked for in the past 12 years. I am currently employed by the American Federation of Government Employees 7th District's National Vice President. Robert Nelson has held this elective position for over 10 years. Since I joined his staff, I have enhanced the district's management capacity to the

point that he ran unopposed in his last election. Prior to my coming on board, he had an opponent each time. My prior management experience came from working for a marketing company in which I managed a territory larger than Lake County, with a staff of over 200 employees. I was instrumental in the growth of that company from a small family owned business to one that is now doing over 100 million dollars in business each year and is currently traded on the AMEX.

I have a management plan that could be implemented immediately upon my election to office that would not increase the operating costs associated with the operation of the Clerk's Office. A 15 point plan, that would utilize dollars currently going unused (training budget) or being misused, in the case of unnecessary overtime, towards increasing efficiency within the Clerk's Office.

I hope that you join me in this race to bring the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk into the 21st Century.

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## Lake County Recorder of Deeds

The Recorder of Deeds is responsible for keeping permanent records of all land transactions in Lake County. The Recorder's office currently employs 25 people.

**Candidates: Robert P. Neal (Rep) and Mary Ellen (Durkin) Vanderventer (Dem)**

## Statement of Robert P. Neal - Republican

**Management Expertise...** President of Able Electronics, Inc. - Director and Chairman of Illinois Prairie Trail Authority - Director and President of Wetlands Research, Inc.

**Computer/Technical Skills...** Active in Naval Reserves as electronics expert - Graduate of advanced computer schools.

**Organizational/Administrative Ability...** Served as Chairman of the Engineering Committee of the Illinois State Toll Road Authority - CEO of electronics company responsible for budgeting, purchasing, payroll and customer service.

**Customer Service Orientation/People Skills...** Graduate of Narda School of Service Management at Notre Dame - Managed a company whose technicians each year averaged 25,000 service calls.

**Knowledge of County Government...** 1982-98 Lake County Board Member. Elected five terms - Involved with setting and overseeing the budget for the Lake County Recorder's Office; 1985-89 - Elected Newport Township Supervisor; 1971-83 Wadsworth Trustee; Elected three terms.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires the management expertise and background to work with people...Only **Bob Neal has that Expertise.** Bob managed a company of 27 people that dealt with customer problems on a daily basis and maintained files on over 60,000 repairs annually with an office staff of only 7 people.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person experienced in handling the financial management of a budget of \$939,660...Only **Bob Neal has that Background.** Serving as CEO of his electronic firm for 33 years in addition to serving as the Maintenance/Material Control Officer for his Navy Squadron for 6 years makes Bob eminently well qualified.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person with experience in the operations of computer data input and processing of microfilm as well as overall office management...**Bob Neal has that experience.** Military, business and government service have brought the knowledge and experience necessary to do all the functions of the Recorder's office.

"To run and manage the Recorder's office requires a person with the ability to prepare a budget and to get it adopted by the County Board committees as well as the full County Board...Only **Bob Neal has that Ability.** Serving 14 years on the County Board and 8 years on the Finance Committee that adopted the Recorder's budget, Neal knows how to get the job done.

**Robert P. Neal:** "My 33 years in business; 23 years in the Navy Reserves; and 25 years in local, township, and county government have given me the qualities which are necessary to being a good recorder: a strong business background; the ability to manage technical programs; a reputation for being good with people; trustworthiness; knowledge of computers; and an understanding of County government." "Protecting and recording your family's investment" is the major responsibility of the recorders office. My primary objective is to continue Frank Nustra's record of excellence and to continue the modernization begun by Mr. Nustra."

## Statement of Mary Ellen (Durkin) Vanderventer - Democrat

From 1985-1995 I managed the largest department in the Lake County Clerk's office. As Elections Administrator I supervised operations for every local, state and national election; prepared and managed a \$1 million budget; managed a full time staff of 22 administrative and clerical personnel and was responsible for the daily administration of over 265,000 voter registration records. For 10 years I ran the Elections Department under the watchful eye of the Lake County taxpayers, politicians and the press without mishap.

"The Recorder's office is responsible for recording and retrieving any document the public wants recorded. Most often the

office is used in real estate, recording property transactions. One of my objectives is to generate increased revenue with an off-site, remote access program for banks, lawyers and title companies. These customers use the Recorder's office most often. Under my new program, they would be able to access needed information from link-ups in their offices. We would be able to create a network of information that reaches subscribers where they work.

My opponent and I could not be further apart in the way we approach public service. I held one job and concentrated all my efforts on performing my duties within that position. My opponent has held

as many as four taxpayer paid positions at once and recently led the battle in his position on the Lake County Board to increase the Recorder's salary by 25%, knowing he was a candidate for this office.

In my run for Recorder of Deeds, I am being publicly supported by both Democrats and Republicans. Being elected Recorder would restore the 2 party system and offer a check and balance in Lake County government. I would serve the people of Lake County as a full time Recorder with a proven record of courteous, dedicated, non-partisan service.

## 1996 Voter's Guide

### State Senator District 30

The biography of each candidate for State Senate District 30 was provided by the candidates for October 7, 1996 Candidates' Forum sponsored by LWV-LFLB (co-sponsored by LWV of Deerfield-Lincolnshire Area, LWV of Highland Park, LWV of Waukegan-Zion Area, and LWV of Lake County).

#### Candidates: Thomas F. Lachner (Rep) and Terry Link (Dem)

##### Thomas F. Lachner - Republican

Tom Lachner is Illinois State Representative for the 59th District. He is president and owner of Device Resources Corporation, a medical fiber optics firm located in Lake Bluff, Illinois. The firm manufactures his patented fiber-optic devices for use in neonatal intensive care units. Tom's public office experience includes being President of the Lake Bluff District 65 Board of Education and serving as Vice President

of the Northern Suburban Special Education District. He was honored by the State Superintendent of Schools as a recipient of the "Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year" awards program. Tom was the only board member in Lake County to receive the award that year.

Tom holds a Bachelors degree in International Relations for Lake Forest College and an MBA from Kensington

University. As part of his community activities, he serves the sight and hearing impaired through his activities in the Lions Club. In addition, as a veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, he is a member of the Lake Forest American Legion. Tom Lachner is a member of the Illinois House of Representatives' Financial Institutions and Elementary and Secondary Education, Privatization and Deregulation, and Veterans Affairs Committees.

##### Terry Link - Democrat

Terry Link is a lifelong resident of Lake County. He has served six years on a local parochial school board. He participated in the efforts to resolve the North Chicago School District funding problem, and currently serves as a member of the College of Lake County Foundation Board.

Terry is active in the Lake County United Way and is a member of the Highland Park Elks Club.

Terry is co-owner of Major Industrial Truck, a sales, rental and service company. As a small business owner, Terry is aware of what it takes to run a business, and all of the responsibilities of meeting a payroll, managing sales, controlling inventory, and providing customer service. He is a member of the Lake County Contractors Association, as well as the Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

Terry is the current Chairman of the Lake County Democratic Party where he has developed a once dormant group into a more highly visible political organization. Under Terry's leadership the Democratic Party has maintained a year round office with staff and conducted voter registration drives adding hundreds of new voters each election cycle.

On June 2, 1996, Terry married Susie McCall. Together they have four daughters. They live in Vernon Hills.

### Workshop on Meeting Strategies for Leaders

#### Making Meetings Work

#### Rules, Procedures and Strategies for Leaders and Participants

Saturday, January 13, 1997

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

National-Louis University Conference Center, Wheaton

hosted by the League of Women Voters of DuPage County

Workshop will focus on skills needed in presiding at meetings and procedures for members in taking part in actions that keep a meeting on course. There will be exercises to demonstrate useful practices for the conduct of good meetings. The presentation will include a brief refresher on Robert's *Rules of Order*. Workshop leader will be Mary Ellen Barry, a consultant and facilitator specializing in organization development and productive group processes. She has over twenty years of experience in organizations, both as a manager and as a volunteer. An active member of the LWV, she served as state president from 1985-89 and chaired the national League's study of U. S. health policy.

The public, especially those actively taking part in meetings, are invited to take advantage of this workshop. Registration prior to December 30 is \$25; afterwards, registration is \$30. For more information, please call the DuPage League at 658-5725 or Rosemary Martin at 355-5581.



## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Interested in Children's Issues?

The League of Women Voters of Lake County is looking for people who might wish to explore the possibility of serving either now or in the future on any of following groups (LWVLC is presently a member of these councils and programs). Please call Claire Weiner 945-6088 if any of these opportunities are of interest to you.

#### Kids 1st Health Fair

Co-sponsored by Lake County LWV and Lake County Health Dept. for children of families with limited income. We are reorganizing for our 5th year and would welcome volunteers on our committees that do the year long planning as well as for the actual Fair in August.

#### Violence Intervention/ Prevention Council

Representatives of provider agencies, schools, law enforcement, civic groups, etc. have coordinated to develop and implement the Framework for Action. They sponsored their second forum on Oct. 10 -- Youth and Adults Learning from each Other-- at College of Lake County.

#### Lake County Early Intervention Council for Children at Risk

This council is mandated by the State to develop and coordinate a system for the delivery of coordinated serviced to the families of developmentally delayed children 0-3.

#### Successful Families

This committee formed to develop a Healthy Families Program in Lake County. The Healthy Families Program is a program that provides services from birth to ages 3-5 to families who present risk factors that potentially might translate into abuse and/or neglect of the children

### Welcome New Members

**Claire A. Campbell**  
1570 Heritage Court, Lake Forest

**Doris E. Cook**  
429 W. Hawthorne Court, Lake Bluff

**Cheryl Derman**  
1924 Bowling Green Drive, Lake Forest

**Susan M. Ernest**  
1365 Wild Rose Lane, Lake Forest

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380 S. Cherokee Road, Lake Forest

**Margaret Kanakis**  
1866 Wilson Drive, Lake Forest

**Elizabeth A. Kress**  
1081 Arcady Drive, Lake Forest

**Jeanie Rogalski**  
350 Edgefield Lane, Lake Forest

**Courtney Williams**  
561 Moffett Road, Lake Bluff

### For Parents (and Grandparents) of Teens!

#### Shrinking the Gap

is a parenting booklet invaluable in communicating with your child in his teen years. It is a parenting resource to address family problems and issues between teens and parents. In September, the parent and teen resource booklet was made available to all our public and private schools to families whose children are in 6th -12th grades. If you have not received one, it is available in your respective school office.

The contents offer help in parenting, health facts on drugs (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana) and the law, a guide to hosting teen parties, a guide to discussing your teen's sexuality and its responsibilities, teen stress, eating disorders, and a resource for help to these issues and much more. The booklet was compiled and researched by L.E.A.D., Linking Efforts Against Drugs.

#### The Beanery

is a coffee house located in the "grotto" at the Gorton Community Center sponsored by The Volunteer Bureau. Every Saturday night it opens its doors 7:30-11:30 P.M. offering high school teens a place to meet with friends, listen to music, play board games, ping pong, pinball, eat, drink coffee and be merry. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the evening setting and showcase their talents or discover hidden talents: Stand up comedy, play a musical instrument, pantomime, magic tricks. The evening is supervised by chaperones and concession

workers. If you're looking for a winter social, or want to get out on a Saturday night, come to the Beanery. It's the best concession located in The Beanery. Interested? Call The Volunteer Bureau 234-8872.

### Last Chance for Dues Renewals

If you've not sent your dues, an asterisk appears on the name label on this newsletter. Please take time now to find the form, and mail in your check (payable to LWV-LF/LB).

The deadline is December 1 when we turn in our membership list the LWVUS. Your support to the League is greatly appreciated.

## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- 1 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:00 a.m.
- 5 1996 GENERAL ELECTION
- 7 Reception by LWV-LF/LB for the public at Lake Forest City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 13 *Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Now and Then* with Virginia Flester Frederick and Grace Mary Stern and the Grace Mary Stern Chorus, Green Room, Gorton Community Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 25 RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR DEC. 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

### DECEMBER

- 4 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Book review of *First Ladies* by Margaret Truman, presented by Barbara Rinella; St. James Lutheran Church, 1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, prior to luncheon if necessary)

### JANUARY

- 13 Making Meetings Work Workshop, National-Louis University Conference Center, Wheaton, 8:30 a.m. - noon



VOTE!  
November 5th

### League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

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# League Lines

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## MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY FOR A VERY SPECIAL LEAGUE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Barbara Rinella, popular North Shore book lecturer,  
will present a dramatic review of First Ladies by Margaret Truman.

DATE: December 4, 1996

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: St. James Lutheran Church  
1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

COST: \$15.00 per person

Catered luncheon will be served.  
Guests are encouraged and welcome!

RSVP by November 29th to Elaine Slayton (847/295-0275)

Checks for reservations should be payable to: LWV-LF/LB  
Send to: LWV-LF/LB, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045

There is not a better person than the only daughter of President Harry Truman to write a book about First Ladies! Margaret Truman was born in 1924, and has wonderful first hand knowledge of First Ladies from Grace Coolidge to Hillary Clinton. Of course, only Margaret Truman can give a proper view of a "famously private" First Lady, one who never held a press conference during her years in the White House—her mother, Bess Truman. Barbara Rinella will become many of our First Ladies as she dramatizes aspects of this fascinating book.

From Martha Washington, who was greeted by the words, "Long Live Lady Washington" as she accompanied her newly elected husband to New York, the first city of the President's residence...to Dolley Madison, called the "greatest tone setter" of First Ladies...to Mary Todd Lincoln, assailed beyond all imagining by conflicts and tragedies...Mrs. Rinella will present vivid portraits of these early First Ladies.

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Mrs. Rinella will then allow Bess Truman to speak, commenting not only on her life in the White House, but also giving thumbnail sketches from her daughter Margaret's point of view of Edith Roosevelt, Nellie Tait, Edith Wilson, Florence Harding, Grace Coolidge, Lou Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower, Jackie Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon, Betty Ford, Roslyn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton. Your history lesson will never be more fun! As Margaret Truman states, being First Lady of the United States is "the world's second toughest job!"



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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

## President's Message

As we begin the holiday season and the closing of 1996, let's take a moment to reflect back on our League's many accomplishments.

We have made numerous works in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest in many ways. We have been successful in many ways, including the public house on architecture, engineering, and

hosting candidate forums and sponsoring the student mock election. Additionally, with the help of Mary Lane Matthews, the League mailed over 500 fund raising letters to businesses and residents (all non-members) in our communities. We plan to publish the names of those who donated, along with the total funds collected, in the January issue of *League Lines*.

Other good news is that our membership is strong; our financial status is sound. Membership interest and participation are high.

The board is now contemplating the future direction of the League. We plan to focus on programs and issues that we believe will make a difference in the coming months and years. At our annual meeting we voted to offer a program on township and county government. Elaine Slayton is currently developing these programs. We are also ready to complete the Nominating Procedures study very soon.

Other divergent issues at community, county, state and national levels need to be addressed. For instance, in Lake Forest members are asking for more discussion on affordable housing, the location of a permanent senior center and ways in which to address teen substance abuse. In Lake Bluff and Knollwood, the possibility of Knollwood's incorporation still remains unclear. At every level of government, campaign finance reform is ready to be seriously studied.

The League can only do so much. Our members all have busy schedules. However, the board will hold a long range planning meeting January 8th to determine ways in which we can address some of the most pressing concerns. Once we have organized our ideas, we will hold a meeting for the entire membership to hear, consider and provide input on priorities for the League in 1997. We expect that meeting to take place in early February and will notify you well in advance. Your input will be a very important component in this process and will help us offer programs that will provide value in our communities.

Everyone is looking forward to coming together for the Holiday Luncheon, which includes a book review of *First Ladies* by Barbara Pinella, on Wednesday, December 4th. Please try to join us for this wonderful event and feel free to invite or bring guests.

Thank you for your ideas and observations. As you know, I always enjoy hearing from you. I am confident that the League is on the right track, making democracy work, thanks to the support of our members and the leadership of our board.

*Susan Garrett*

Save the Date!

Saturday, February 22nd

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

Cocktail Party Fund Raiser

at the home of Prue Beidler

20 South Stonegate Road, Lake Forest

## Membership Information and Opportunities



The new LWV-LF/LB Membership Directory will be available at the December 4th luncheon. Copies will be mailed to members not able to attend the luncheon.

### Welcome New Members

Marsha Avery Belcher  
1166 Fairway Drive, Lake Forest

Cheryl Johnson  
1450 Arbor Lane, Lake Forest

## Thanks for Letting Us Listen Across the Aisle . . .

On November 13th, Virginia Fiester-Frederick, former State Representative and Grace Mary Stern, former State Senator joined together in a candid and humorous discussion, "Conversations Across the Aisle: The General Assembly Then & Now". They talked, among other things, about their roles as "female" legislators paving the way in a male dominated government.

Virginia recalled the high emotions during the attempted passage of the ERA amendment, saying that "women lay prostrate on the 'Well' of the State Capitol Building" in protest and support, while "a very fat man walked across the women". When the June 30th deadline was upon them, the women legislators gathered at the Well singing "We Shall Overcome". The then Speaker gavelled continuously, demanding loudly, "Business as usual". Finally, the ultra-conservatives began singing "God Bless America", drowning the women out. After all, there were far fewer women than men.

On the treatment of female members by male members in the State Senate, Grace Mary recalled that none of the men would dare help a woman. Some would explain what was going on, but no more. They (the men) "treated her like the plague" and not even the Democratic men would join the women for dinner or a movie".

Both Virginia and Grace Mary did agree that presence of women has forced a change in lifestyles in Springfield. Other topics discussed were campaign finance reform, the speaker's role and power, and significant contributions of which the two women felt proud.

The program was closed with a spirited and very entertaining performance by the Grace Mary Stern Chorus. Their final song, written especially for the League and this program, was sung by all to the tune of "Oh, Beautiful for Spacious Skies". We wanted to share the verse with you:

Non-partisan, how beautiful,  
How well-bred, wise and warm -  
We don't endorse - we can't of course -  
Our function's to inform.  
We try to let the people know  
To vote and act as well -  
Our path is down the middle  
And it's difficult as hell.

Many thanks to  
Grace Mary and Virginia  
for sharing their time and experiences with us!

You are cordially invited to the inaugural celebration  
in honor of Corinne G. Wood  
State Representative-Elect, 59th Legislative District  
Wednesday, January 8th, 1997  
Springfield, Illinois

- \* Luxury bus departs early morning for Springfield (donuts & coffee provided).
- \* Swearing-in ceremony at 12:00 via closed circuit T.V. in Capitol (boxed lunch provided).
- \* Afternoon tours of Springfield historical sites such as the Historic Old State Capitol and the Dana Thomas House (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright).
- \* Late afternoon reception at the Springfield Renaissance Hotel honoring Representative Wood.
- \* Bus departs Springfield early evening.
- \* Cost for the trip is \$25.00 per person.
- \* Reservations are limited! Please RSVP to 615-1996.

## League Looks Into Representation in Lake Forest

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff sent two letters to the Lake Forest City Council dated September 4, 1996, and November 14, 1996, conveying our serious interest regarding the number of aldermen elected to represent the city's four wards. Our concerns are that 1) the City Council have the appropriate number of aldermen to represent the city's population; and 2) each ward is divided in such a way that equal representation is achieved as nearly as possible.

It appears from Illinois State Statute 5/5-2.2 that the overall population (1990 census) may be under represented in the City Council. According to the Statute, municipalities with populations "exceeding 15,000 but not exceeding 20,000" should have the representation of ten aldermen. As of the 1990 census, the population of Lake Forest was 17,836. Lake Forest is currently represented by eight aldermen, or two aldermen in each of the four wards. The League is also requesting a population breakdown by ward so as to ensure equal representation for each ward.

As we openly discuss this matter with the City we will continue to keep our members informed. If you wish more information, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001.

## ILLINOIS STUDENTS VOTE MOCK ELECTION



DEAR MRS. HOLLS,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
COMING TO CENTRAL SCHOOL.  
I WANTED TO TELL MY  
PARENTS TO VOTE

SINCERELY  
SHEILA

If the students from our local schools had been able to determine the results of this fall's election, our elected representatives would look somewhat different than what we're getting. We had a wonderful example that one vote does make a difference. At LBMS Dole defeated Clinton by one vote!!

On October 30th, students at Lake Bluff Central Elementary (grades 3-5), Lake Bluff Middle School (grades 6-8), Lake Forest High School (grades 9-12) and Lake Forest Country Day School voted for President, US Senator, US Representative and some for State Senator and State Representative. Results of the election from three of the schools were:

	Central Elementary	Lake Bluff Middle School	Lake Forest High School
Clinton	54%	39%	33%
Dole	38%	39%	49%
Perot	8%	17%	12%
Durbin	40%	37%	31%
Salvi	41%	48%	55%
Torl	39%	38%	28%
Porter	61%	62%	72%
Link		16%	
Lachner		84%	

Special thanks to Lorraine Bach, Melanie Rummel, Susan Garrett, Sue Engelhart, Chris Moses, Linda Hinde, and Elaine Slayton who helped in our schools. We had a lot of fun and reached a lot of kids! Teachers and administrators were very appreciative of our efforts. The letters are samples from Ms. McGlynn's fifth graders at Central School.



(VOTE TODAY!)  
Dear Mrs. Holls,  
Thank you for coming in &  
voting a lot. I'd like to  
know what all the other  
kids who there voted for on a ballot  
now was.

Thanks again  
Cathy

## Local Update: Knollwood Annexation

Following the October 23 informational meeting on Knollwood annexation, the fifty-six Lake Bluff members of our league were mailed a consensus card to indicate how they felt regarding our league's continued support of this position. The card stated the current position as retained at the 1996 Annual Meeting. The tally of cards returned was: 28 yes (continue to support position); 7 no; 3 no opinion.

In addition to phone calls and notes thanking our league for moderating discussion of this issue in the community, the following two letters were received:

### Lake Bluff School District 65

121 E. Sheridan Place  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
(847) 234-9400  
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November 4, 1996

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the efforts of the League of Women Voters in hosting the recent Knollwood annexation forum at the Lake Bluff Middle School. Your efforts and those of the League, particularly Melanie Rummel who moderated the evening, were extremely well done and vital to the notion that there can and should be civil discourse on an issue that has raised such emotional concerns.

As a member of the forum group that answered and presented, I can well appreciate the hard work and coordination of last night's public forum discussing Knollwood annexation. The meeting was well organized and its format allowed productive dialogue of a complex issue with a long history.

Congratulations on a job very well done. As a public official, I am grateful that the League has both the ability and the judgment to provide forums that are as balanced and informational as this. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mark Younkin  
Superior



October 24, 1996

On behalf of the Village Board, please accept our sincere appreciation for the League's coordination of last night's public forum discussing Knollwood annexation. The meeting was well organized and its format allowed productive dialogue of a complex issue with a long history.

Melanie's service as the Moderator was, as last year, truly noteworthy and her willingness to assist most generous. Thank you, and your fellow league members for your support of an open discussion of this important issue.

Fred E. Warden, III  
Village President

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# Dates to Remember

## NOVEMBER

29 Reservation Deadline for Holiday Luncheon

## DECEMBER

4 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 10:15 a.m., St. James Lutheran Church  
 4 Holiday Luncheon with Barbara Rinella, 11:30 a.m., St. James Lutheran Church  
 9 League Lines deadline for January issue

## JANUARY

8 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting & Long Range Planning, 9:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center  
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 9 League Lines deadline for May issue  
 15-16 Legislative Seminar in Springfield

## MAY

14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller  
 16-18 LWVIL State Convention in Peoria  
 21 League Lines deadline for Summer issue



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## PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING FOR LOCAL AND STATE ISSUES

*Wednesday, January 8*

*GORTON COMMUNITY CENTER GREEN ROOM*

*11:30 a.m.*

*Bring a brown bag lunch!*

What local and state issues do you want the League to study and act upon next year? Your first chance to help determine our direction is the program planning meeting on January 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Gorton

if you can't be at the meeting but have an issue you would like the League to study, please call one of the board members with as much detail as possible. (information regarding state program planning is on pages 3-4.)

Your suggestions and the board recommendations will be put to the membership at our annual meeting in May.

All members of the League of Women Voters and interested citizens are invited to attend a panel discussion on

## The Role of Township Government in Lake Forest & Lake Bluff

with Township Supervisors

Robert Moroney, Deerfield Township

William Peterson, Vernon Township

Charles Fitzgerald, Shields Township

Marilyn Craig, West Deerfield Township

Monday, January 13, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

Friends' Room, Gorton Community Center

Using questions prepared by the a League committee given to panelists prior to the discussion and written questions submitted by the audience, the discussion will be focused on what township government does. (Questions on property value assessment will not be addressed by this group.) This program will be tape-delayed cable-cast on Channel 19 if you are not able to attend.



## League Lines

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## President's Message

Dear League Members:

As our board prepares for 1997, it is encouraging to note that many opportunities for participation are coming up right away for our League members.

To begin, a planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th followed by a panel discussion on Township Government, Monday, January 13th. Both programs offer an excellent chance for members to see the League in action. We encourage everyone to attend (or even stop by) the planning meeting on the 8th; your input will make a difference both at the state and local level, and you can be sure there will be lively discussion.

Speaking of lively discussion, at last year's annual meeting our members asked for information on the role of township governments. (Did you know that areas of Lake Forest are covered by five different townships?) Supervisors from Shields, Deerfield, Vernon and West Deerfield will be asked questions organized in advance by a League committee. In addition, questions submitted on note cards will be solicited by those in the audience. Elaine Stayton, our program director, has worked hard to put the township panel discussion together and Lorraine Bach is working out the details for a delayed cablecast on Channel 19.

On Thursday, January 16th the City Council (at 7:30 p.m. in the Lake Forest City Hall) will address the possibility of increasing the current number of Lake Forest aldermen from eight to ten, and increasing the number of wards from four to five. This discussion request was initiated by the League over the last six months. Try to attend the meeting, or watch it live on Channel 19.

Mark your calendars now for our cocktail fundraiser, "The Presidents' Party", at Prue Beidler's on Saturday, February 22nd. This will be a fun event, so bring your spouse or a friend, as we salute George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other Presidents who were dedicated to "making democracy work!" Watch for more information in the next League Lines and special invitations coming in the mail.

On behalf of the board, we wish you a healthy and happy 1997.

*Susan Garrett*

You are invited to attend  
**"The Presidents' Party"**  
 Cocktail Party Fundraiser  
 for the League of Women Voters - Lake Forest/Lake Bluff  
 Saturday, February 22nd  
 at the home of Prue Beidler  
 20 South Stonegate Road, Lake Forest  
 (watch for your invitation in the mail!)

## 1996 LWVIL State Program Planning

The League of Women Voters Illinois Biennial Convention will take place this year on May 16-18 in Peoria. In preparation for it, each local League reviews current State program and recommendations for study and action for the coming two years. We will go through this process at the League Program Planning Meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 1997, at Gorton Community Center in the Green Room at 11:30 (bring a brown bag lunch). All League members should try to attend in order provide input into future League direction.

### Part 1: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CURRENT POSITIONS:

The options for existing positions include recommendations to:

- \* retain the position
- \* drop part or all of the position
- \* restudy or update part or all of the position.

If a position is dropped, no action can be taken in that area without a new study.

In evaluating current League positions, consider whether:

- \* the goals addressed by the position have been met
- \* there is still member interest, understanding, and agreement on the item,
- \* the position is still relevant.



Brief summaries of current LWVIL positions begin on page 9 of your 1996-1997 LWV-LF/LB Membership Directory

	Retain	Drop	Part of position to drop or restudy
Government			
Constitutional Implementation			
County Government Structure			
Criminal Justice			
Election Laws			
Gun control			
Schools			
State Fiscal Policy			
State Redistricting			
Natural Resources			
Land Use			
Pesticide Reduction			
Social Policy			
Children's Services			
Income Assistance (in review.)			
<p>Proposed New Income Assistance Position Wording</p> <p>Until an adequate federal welfare program is achieved, the League of Women Voters of Illinois supports sufficient state funding for income assistance and supportive services to all low-income individuals and families based on need. (See LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs position)</p> <p>Current LWVIL Income Assistance Position : Wording to be deleted</p> <p>Sentence #1: The LWV supports improved aid services in Illinois, including support for the raising of grants to public aid participants and support for higher salaries for workers in the Illinois Department of Public Aid.</p> <p>Sentence #2: The need is for better working conditions with a separation of clerical and casework functions for employees.</p> <p>Sentence #3: The League wants the Transitional Assistance (TA) program to be merged with some form of federally administered welfare program.</p> <p>Sentence #4: The League wants the TA program administered at a higher level of government than the township to increase uniformity.</p>			
Marital Law			
Mental Health			

## 1996 LWIL State Program Planning

### Part 2: CONSIDERATION OF NEW ITEMS

In addition to reviewing current positions, the process of program planning involves deciding where the League should focus its resources for the next biennium.

The options regarding new items include recommendations to:

- \* adopt an action focus, which can combine citizen education and advocacy using an existing position from either the state or national level (See the discussion in the box below distinguishing between an action focus and a legislative priority.)

None of the three current action items will automatically continue. If a local League is interested in any of them being extended to the 1997-99-biennium, it should be recommended on the report form.

In evaluating a new study idea or proposed action focus, consider the following key questions:

- \* Is there strong and broad member interest in the issue?
- \* Is your League willing and able to work on the issue?
- \* Is the issue state-wide?
- \* Will timing and political realities permit effective League action?
- \* Is League involvement likely to make an impact?
- \* Is there an existing state or national position which can be used as the basis for action?  
(If yes, an action focus is needed; if no, a new study is needed.)

#### ACTION FOCUS OR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: WHAT'S THE DISTINCTION?

An **action focus** is a program item adopted by delegates at convention which involves a partnership between the state and local Leagues, working together over a two year period in a concerted effort to further a League goal. LWIL provides informational material and training to help local Leagues engage in effective action in their communities. While LWIL engages in complementary activities at the state level, legislative priorities are established yearly by the LWIL Legislative Committee before the annual spring session of the Illinois legislature. Local Leagues are notified of the priorities after they are approved by the state board. The priorities reflect both the interests of the League and the prevailing political climate and serve to direct the efforts of the League lobbyist. Time for Actions, which engage the local Leagues in lobbying on specific legislation, are generally reserved for issues of the highest priority.

### Part 3. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LEAGUE RESOURCES FOR THE 1997-99 BIENNIUM

You are not limited to one choice only, but please carefully consider the local and state resources your recommendations will require. If you do make more than one recommendation, please prioritize.

Our League would like to work/continue to work in the following area(s), with support for our efforts from LWIL:  
(Please indicate any specific suggestions regarding LWIL support/activities.)

- \* Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children
- \* Senior Needs
- \* Making Democracy Work

Our League would like to work on a new study:  
(Please discuss the focus of the new study and your reasons for recommending it.)

Our League would like to work on a new action item:  
(Please discuss the focus of the item, the position(s) used as the basis for action and your reasons for recommending it.)

## 1996 LWVIL Legislative Seminar Briefings

In an effort to respond to members' needs and interests, the LWVIL will be sponsoring two one-day legislative seminars, one in February and one in April, in lieu of its traditional two-day spring event.

Both will provide an opportunity to learn about the legislative process and effective advocacy from legislators, the new League lobbyist and LWVIL Legislative Specialists. There are individual prices for attending each - as well as a "special" for attending both.

### CHICAGO BRIEFING:

Saturday, February 1, 1997

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DePaul University Egan Center, Room 9102

243 S. Wabash, Chicago

Learn what's in store for the 90th General Assembly and how to lobby legislators in their district offices - where effective contact is often made since the legislator is not as pressed for time. Registrants will receive an agenda and directions.



### SPRINGFIELD BRIEFING:

Wednesday, April 17, 1997

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Springfield (location to be determined)

See the legislature in action and lobby in the Capitol on key League issues. Further details and an additional opportunity to register will be published later.

We hope to send a large delegation from LWV-LF/LB to this year's briefings so we can cover all the information presented. This is a great opportunity for new members to learn state issues and to get tips on getting your point across to your elected officials. Contact Ann Hollis if you would like to carpool to the Chicago briefing. Use the form below to arrange for your registration.

#### REGISTRATION for 1997 LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR(S)

To register for either or both seminars, mail a completed form to:  
LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604

name \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_

city/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ February in Chicago \$12.00 on or before Jan. 22, 1997 (\$15.00 after Jan. 22 or at the door)

\_\_\_\_\_ April in Springfield \$12.00 on or before Apr. 7, 1997 (\$15.00 after Apr. 7 or at the door)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicago & Springfield \$20.00 on or before Jan. 22, 1997

Fee includes light refreshments. For further information, contact the LWVIL office.

• League of Women Voters of Illinois • 332 S. Michigan Ave., #1142 • Chicago, IL 60604 •  
phone (312) 939-5935 • fax (312) 939-6887 • LWVIL@aol.com

## Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children Committee has been putting the final touches to the second part of the education and action publication which should be sent to League presidents early in January. They have also set a series of brown bag lunches with speakers who work for successful intervention/prevention programs from across the state. There will be more information on the entire series in a later mailing, but the first of these which is scheduled early in January.

Brown Bag Lunch on Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

### Healthy Families Illinois:

What Is The Program's Current Status And Future

Thursday, January 9, 1997

11:30 am. - 1:00 p.m.

LWWIL Office, 332 South Michigan, #1142, Chicago

## Fort Sheridan Update

In the Friday, December 20, 1996, edition of the Chicago Tribune, the decision by the Fort Sheridan Restoration Advisory Board regarding repair of Landfills 6 & 7 was reported. This report is taken from that article (MetroLake Section, page 1) and a letter sent by LWW-LF/LB to Colleen Reilly, BRAC Environmental Coordinator.

Following lengthy discussion, the 17-member advisory board decided not to oppose the cleanup plan proposed by the Department of the Army. The plan calls for the repair of the two leaking landfills instead of digging up the garbage and dumping it somewhere else.

Our league was concerned with the short notice given for this meeting to discuss a lengthy document containing comments by the community and technical responses by the Army. Several questions concerning the technical aspects of the proposed repair were faxed to Colleen Reilly, BRAC Environmental Coordinator who was to address these issues at the meeting.

Under federal law, the Army must search for and remove any toxins left on the base. No property can be transferred to new owners until the land is declared clean by the U.S. and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies. Both of these agencies have endorsed the repair plan for Landfills 6 and 7 which are known to be leaking into the air and the water of Lake Michigan.

The cleanup plan includes rerouting the storm drain, constructing a gas collection system, and installing a new, state-of-the-art cap made of impervious materials that will keep out rainwater.

The landfills were used during the 1940s and again in the 1970s when the Army dumped its garbage into what was then Weill Ravine. Army officials say the contents are thought to be largely household waste and construction debris. Concern by local officials and environmental groups focuses on the fact that the content of the landfill is unknown. Peter Koukos, Highland Park city councilman asked, "Who is going to build anything next to a landfill that will be worth anything... when we don't even know what is in there?"

The landfills are known to be emitting toxic gases and leaking chemical-tainted liquids into the lake via a storm drain that runs underneath the dump area. A cap that was placed atop the fill about 1980 has failed, allowing rainwater to enter and wash out chemicals into surrounding ground water and soil.

The Army considered excavating the landfills but gave up the idea as too costly (estimates ranged from \$37.8 million to \$711.7 million) and too risky, because partially decomposed garbage is considered hazardous. Once Army officials sign off on the repair plan, work can begin this spring. It will be three years before the new cap can be installed. Reilly stressed that if at any time capping appears to be inadequate, the Army will look for another remedy.

## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Welcome New and Returning Members

**Sarabess R. Cahill**  
105 Indian Ridge Rd. Mettawa  
Lake Forest, IL

**Susan Rosner**  
488 S. Waukegan Road  
Lake Forest, IL

**Irene Schultz**  
205 Ravine Forest Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL

**Helen Yomine**  
105 W. Onwentsia Road  
Lake Forest, IL

Copies of the new LWV-LF/LB Membership Directory were available at the December 4th luncheon and mailed to members not able to attend the luncheon.

If you did not get a copy, please call Judy Grisamore, Membership chairman.

Thanks to those of you who contributed to this year's LWVIL Phonathon and to Diane Lloyd for making the calls on our behalf.

About \$1,000 was pledged; of this amount 10% will be returned to LWV-LF/LB.

We have generous sponsors who match our percentage returned making this a successful fundraiser for our League. Many thanks, too, to our matching gift sponsors!

Thank  You

And thanks to those who offered extra time and energy before and after our wonderful December Luncheon with Barbara Rinella. Special thanks to Elaine Slayton, Char Kreuz, Janice Schnobrich, Mary Jane Wolter, Diane Lloyd, Susan Garrett, and Ann Hollis.

The extra food from this meal and food from the November tea at Lake Forest City Hall was donated to A Safe Place and PADS. Both organizations sent us thank you notes in appreciation of the donations. Thanks to league members who took the time to package the leftovers and deliver them to these facilities.

At the December Luncheon, Elaine Slayton prepared an artichoke dip that was so popular we've included her recipe in this issue. Thanks to Elaine for sharing it with us.

### Elaine's Artichoke Dip

14 oz. can artichoke hearts or halves  
1/2 c. mayonnaise (can use light or lowfat)  
1/2 c. sour cream (can use light or lowfat)  
1/3 c. Parmesan cheese  
1/8 t. (or more to taste) hot pepper sauce (Tabasco)

Drain and chop the artichokes. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl; spread mixture in pie plate or other baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes, or until a little brown and bubbly. Serve with crackers and/or veggies. Enjoy!

Non-compliance for school immunizations and physicals was at an all time low due to the Kids First Health Fair, expanded Lake County Health Department efforts and the clinics set up at various hospitals. The following statistics show this fall's non-compliance percentages:

North Chicago	2.0%
Round Lake Beach	1.2%
Waukegan	5.0% (mostly transfers)
Zion (Elementary)	4.0%
Zion (Secondary)	0.5%

(These are the areas with the highest rates of poverty in Lake County.)

There are various opportunities for service now for this year's Kids First Health Fair. Contact Claire Weiner, 945-6088.

Kids First  
HEALTH  
FAIR  
OF WOMEN VOTER  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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New Year!

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You are invited to attend

## The Presidents' Cocktail Party

Fund raiser for the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff



Saturday, February 22nd

at the home of Tru Beidler

20 South Stonegate Road, Lake Forest

7-9pm

What could be a more fitting way to honor our presidents than to have drinks and fun with other Leaguers and their friends! This is our somewhat annual fund raising event - we hope all members will want to participate either by coming and sampling the appetizer and dessert potluck or by sending a contribution if you can't attend. Friends and guests are most welcome. We know this will be a fun evening!

\$10.00 per person  
Dressy Casual Attire

Please bring one of the following to share:  
an appetizer, a dessert, or a bottle of wine/2 bottles per couple  
(Appetizers and desserts should be ready to serve)

RSVP by February 20th to either  
Adrianna Farler (295-8917) or Susan Garrett (295-4001)

In order for your contribution to be tax-deductible,  
checks should be payable to: LWVIL Education Fund

If you are unable to attend, contributions may be sent to:  
LWV-LF/LB, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045



## Making Democracy Work

- ☆ to increase voter participation,
- ☆ to achieve campaign finance reform,
- ☆ to improve citizen awareness and knowledge,
- ☆ to rebuild civic participation and
- ☆ to enhance diversity of representation.

With your help and support,  
we know we can reach  
our goal of

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## President's Message

Dear League Members,

As I write this, I am reminded that the Presidential Inauguration is just a few days away. The tradition and honor associated with this American event is significant, as you know.

Whether or not you cast your vote for Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, it is the democratic process of electing our President, in an open and free society that is so critical to maintaining democracy. To many, the Presidential Inauguration symbolizes this process and provides an opportunity to publicly celebrate and acknowledge our country's freedoms.

And so, it is with this patriotic spirit that we celebrate the last Inauguration of the Twentieth Century, and salute all American Presidents - from George Washington to Bill Clinton - at our Presidents' Cocktail Party Fundraiser, Saturday, February 22nd at Prue Beidler's home. Come one, come all as we gather in recognition of the highest office in the land, and of course, to just have fun! The funds raised will continue to defray costs associated with League programs, studies, and operational expenses.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to toasting the principles and ideals set forth in 1776 and carried forth throughout the last 220 years. Hope to see you on the 22nd.

*Susan Garrett*

## Thanks to Community Contributors

In the past year, the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff has received contributions from the following members of our community. Many thanks to them for their support of the League's efforts.

Christine Bagley	Ilda C. Standley
Dorothy E. Ware Denderian	Shirley L. Taubensee
Charles B. Fitzgerald IV	Mr. and Mrs. F. Morgan Taylor
Roger and Janie Hull	Merrill Thorne
Kathy Lawson	Mr. and Mrs. James D. Vail
Bruce Olson	Georgia West
Steven Ragsdale	Elizabeth Y. Winter
Debbie Saran	



## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . .

### Review of Role of Township Government Program

The bitter cold certainly did not keep people away from hearing a panel of four township supervisors answer questions on township government in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Supervisors who participated were Marilyn Craig (West Deerfield), Charles Fitzgerald (Shields), Robert Moroney (Deerfield), William Peterson (Vernon).

The program, organized and expertly moderated by League Program Chair Elaine Slayton, included discussion of township structure, budget and special assistance. Each supervisor answered fifteen to twenty questions prepared by a League committee. In addition, the supervisors responded to several written questions submitted by members of the audience. The program was highly informative, and in fact, it may be the first program of its kind, featuring our elected township supervisors answering tough questions on the role of township government.

In acknowledgment for the behind-the-scenes work that went into making this program such a success, the League extends special thanks to:

Mary Claire Briggs - Question screener  
 Alice Flaherty - Camera operator for cablecast  
 Susan Garrett - Question Committee / Question screener  
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*Scheduled cablecasts of this program  
 on LF TV, Channel 19 will be:*

*During February  
 every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and  
 every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.*

*During March  
 every Monday at 10:00 p.m.*

*(Program is approximately  
 90 minutes long.)*

### Discussion on Lake Forest Representation Update

On January 16th, Susan Garrett presented information to members of the Lake Forest City Council to encourage them to consider benefits and issues associated with the number of aldermen, number of wards and possible redefinition of ward boundaries in Lake Forest.

The information and subsequent comments centered on 1990 Census information and recent population growth and population shifts in Lake Forest. Because of rapid and steady growth, the League asked the Council to consider its alternatives to ensure that the City continues to provide for proportionate representation within and among wards. The League recommended that the City Council:

- 1) form a committee to address population growth and its effect on government in Lake Forest; and
- 2) commission an estimate of population in each ward; and
- 3) consider pros and cons of expanding the number of aldermen and/or adjusting boundaries and number of wards.

The City Council asked the City staff to follow with an updated estimate of current population in each ward by April 30th. This is a positive and appropriate first step for the City and its residents. It will likely lead to the productive dialogue we encourage. The League is proud to have played its role by encouraging the discussion and debate.

Copies of the video tape (City Council Meeting - Jan. 16, 1997) can be obtained at the Lake Forest Public Library.

## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Welcome New Members

**Bobbie Gallarda**  
211 Forestview Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL

**Bridget Hutchen**  
971 Coventry Drive  
Lake Forest, IL

**Patricia Rounsaville**  
901 Valley Road  
Lake Forest, IL

### It's That Time of Year Again . . .

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on next year's League board. We also need chairs and co-chairs for various committees, as well as members who could help out on a one-time or part-time basis.

Please phone one of the Nominating Committee members if you are willing to serve in one of these capacities, or can suggest a candidate, or need more information about positions that need to be filled. Nominating committee members are:

Ann Hamlin (234-9042)  
Peg Heldring (604-9324)  
Emily Jennings (295-9260)  
Diane Lloyd (615-9182)  
Alice Sievert, chair (234-4133)



### Training for Leaguers to Cablecast - We Need You!



The League will offer members another opportunity to participate in the successful presentation of our programs to the public. A class to train a small cadre of interested members (not necessarily experienced) learn the basic operation of the videocamera, microphones, lighting, devices for videographing selected programs will be offered in February. Equipment will be provided.

If you are interested and can make a commitment for three hours of training, please contact Lorraine Bach (295-3210) for specifics.

### Is There Interest in a Study of Future Options for Knollwood?

Because of the defeat of annexation of Knollwood to Lake Bluff, our League's position in support of this annexation will need to be reexamined at the Annual Meeting on May 14, 1997.

A suggestion was made to the board that, if there is enough interest, one of our local program items could be "a study of options available to Knollwood residents for control over governmental issues such as zoning, municipal services, storm water run off, police protection and similar matters."

If you would be interested in participating in such a study next year, please phone Alice Sievert, 234-4133.

### Lake Forest Interest Group Begins

Friday, February 21, 11:30 - 1:00  
Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room

Want to know more about population growth and development in Lake Forest, long range planning, preservation issues, the schools, the effects of charter city status, etc.?

Bring your lunch (we'll provide coffee) and your calendar to this organizational meeting and help us determine topics that interest you and set meeting dates for the year. If you cannot come to this meeting but have suggestions for dates/times, topics or speakers or if you would like to have more information, please call Diane Lloyd, 615-9182 or Mary Ann Kiehl, 295-9081.



## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Moderator Training Session to be Held

Many communities in Lake and surrounding counties use League moderators for candidate debates and community forums. The LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff and the League of Women Voters of Lake County will cosponsor a training session on moderating in late February or early March.

This session is appropriate for both new (you who have never done it before and may be interested) and seasoned (handling hecklers, no-shows, inappropriate questions) moderators. There will be a registration fee of \$10.00. Call Diane Lloyd, 615-9182 if you are interested.

*Take advantage of this opportunity to build your skills  
while serving the community!*



### Great Decisions Begins the New Year in February!

The League and the AAUW cosponsor a "Great Decisions" discussion group using materials provided by the Foreign Policy Association. The group meets every second Friday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 from February through July and in September and October. The February 14th meeting will be held at Diane Lloyd's, 500 College Road, Lake Forest.

Topics for the eight 1997 sessions are listed below. An outstanding text which includes discussion questions and a list of readings and additional resources for each topic is provided by the Foreign Policy Association for \$12.50. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Diane Lloyd, 615-9182 or Betty Buker, 234-4509 so that we can order your text in time for the February meeting!



February 14	Today's Media: What Voice in Foreign Policy
March 14	Northeast Asia, Strategic Crossroads: What U.S. Role?
April 11	Russia and the U.S.: Growing Cooperation?
May 9	Terrorism and Crime: A More Dangerous World
June 13	European Integration: What Impact on the U.S.?
July 11	Environmental Threats to Stability: The Role of Rapid Population Growth
September 12	Middle East: Peace and the Changing Political Order
October 10	Globalization: Workplace Winners and Losers

## From Our Friends in the Deerfield-Lincolnshire LWV . . .

### Preparing Preschoolers for the Drug-Free Years

A program for parents and caregivers  
sponsored by Deerfield-Lincolnshire LWV and Deerfield Police Dept.

Tuesday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m.  
Deerfield High School (1959 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield)

#### Panelists

Jerry Zacher, Social Worker, Deerfield Police Dept.  
Diane Gaines, Social Worker Intern, Deerfield Police Dept.  
Cathy Cratty, Director of Student and Employee Assistance Programs for School District #113  
Anne Meyer, President of ADCOM and a Drug Prevention Specialist  
Lisa Makarian, Counselor at Shepherd Jr. High School  
Maren Olson, Director of Christian Beginnings  
June Aimen, Director of Community Education at the Josselyn Center for Mental Health

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**The LWVUS Future Plan  
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YOUR VOICE  
YOUR VISION**

## WHERE WILL WE BE IN 2025?

At regional meetings across the country, Leaguers envisioned how our organization will look in the future. They looked at the League today and dreamed of what the League could be tomorrow. Creative ideas continue to be forwarded through phone and e-mail. To leave your dreams for the future of the League, call 1-800-249-8683 and select the appropriate voice mailbox.

## HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

*That's the question* for the next round of meetings, to be held from **March to May, 1997.**

All dreams will be compiled and shared at the next meeting. League members will be challenged to prioritize the dreams and design ways to make these dreams become reality. Your input in this next phase is important, even if you did not attend the first meeting.

Join the discussion by subscribing to the LWVUS Future Plan Listserv. In order to subscribe, send an e-mail to:

★address: [listserv@thecity.sfsu.edu](mailto:listserv@thecity.sfsu.edu)

★message: subscribe lwvfutureplan yourfirstname yourlastname

**ANY MEMBER CAN ATTEND. ANY TIME. ANY WHERE.**


Planned sites for Phase II meetings are below. Call your state League president or contact Nicole Jacobson at the national office, (202) 429-1965, ext.259, for information on meeting dates.

Santa Clara, CA  
Sacramento, CA  
Tampa, FL  
Atlanta, GA  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
Lewiston, ID  
Springfield, IL  
Lexington, KY  
Baltimore, MD

Worcester, MA  
Boston, MA  
Minneapolis, MN  
Bozeman, MT  
Omaha, NE  
Concord, NH  
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Albuquerque, NM  
New York City, NY

Columbus, OH  
Portland, OR  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Greenville, SC  
Nashville, TN  
San Antonio, TX  
Dallas, TX  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Fairfax, VA

Milwaukee, WI  
Albany, NY  
Tentative Sites  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Kansas City, MO  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Philadelphia, PA



From the League Mailbox . . .

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January 14, 1997

I want to express my appreciation for your efforts along with the League's, for coordinating the panel discussion last night. I believe the services the League provides is vital in educating the public on the role of their elected officials.

If I can be of any service to you and the League or if you have any further question, please call.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Fitzgerald IV  
Supervisor



We received thank you notes from both the Lake Forest Public Library and the Lake Bluff Public Library for our donations of A Voice of Our Own, by Nancy Neumann. Copies were also given to schools which participated in the mock election this fall and to Lake Forest College and Barat College.



If you've not read this book, it is a collection of twenty-nine essays written by prominent American women who participate in our living democracy. Some of these authors are Rosalynn Carter, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Betty Ford, Wilma Mankiller, Martina Navratilova, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Judy Woodruff. This might be a good read for you during Women's History Month!



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## Dates to Remember

### FEBRUARY

- 5 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center
- 12 *League Lines* deadline for March issue
- 14 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00, Diane Lloyd's, 500 College Road, LF
- 18 Preparing Preschoolers for the Drug-Free Years, 7:00 p.m., Deerfield High School (1959 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield)
- 20 RSVP Deadline for "Presidents' Party" Cocktail Party
- 21 Lake Forest Interest Group, 11:30 - 1:00, Friends' Room, Gorton
- 22 "Presidents' Party" Cocktail Party Fundraiser at the home of Prue Beidler

### MARCH

- 3 Last Day to Register for April 1 Municipal Elections
- 5 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Gorton Community Center
- 12 *League Lines* deadline for April issue
- 14 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00

### APRIL

- 5 Municipal Elections
- 7 Registration deadline for Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing (for reduced rate, can register later or at the door)
- 9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center
- 9 *League Lines* deadline for May issue
- 11 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00
- 17 Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00, location TBA

### MAY

- 9 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00
- 14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller
- 16-18 LWVIL State Convention in Peoria



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# League Lines

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## Candidates Forums

### Thursday, March 13

**Commissioner - Lake Bluff Park District**

Gorton Community Center, Community Room

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dee Crowley	Richard Ryan
David R. Ganfield	Lindley Smith
Kurt M. Gronau	Susan Smith
Edward Richardson	

### Wednesday, March 19

**Trustee - Village of Lake Bluff**

Gorton Community Center, Friends' Room

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Terry C. Kreissl  
David A. McElvain  
Frank "Pony" Swanton  
Thomas V. Skinner

### Thursday, March 20

**Trustee - Shields Township**

Gorton Community Center, Community Room

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Robert J. Bednar	Donald F. "Dan" Rogers III
Joseph "Larry" Bridges	Mona E. Strenger
Rudolph J. Iberie	Ben L. Wanger
James V. Proesel	

... The candidates forums on March 13th and March 19th  
will be cablecast live on LFTV, Channel 19.

The League thanks the Lake Forest Bank and Trust for their generosity in  
underwriting costs associated with renting the Community Room  
at Gorton for candidates forums.



League members  
are needed as  
ushers, time keepers and  
question screeners.  
Please call Anne Csar  
(234-4231) to help.

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The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines

## President's Message

As our League continues to increase its membership, we are determined to be responsive to our community and the needs of our members. In essence, that means providing relevant leadership while always cognizant of our goal of "making democracy work."

With this in mind, the board is considering a series of round-table discussions on pertinent issues of interest to the League. The discussions would be cablecast on channel 19, and be offered beginning next fall.

As an example, an appropriate topic might be the population increase in Lake Forest and its effect on community development, schools and political representation. Participants in the discussion would be invited from among representatives of the city, school boards, and Open Lands as well as League members.

Additional topics for round-table discussion might include affordable senior housing, environmental issues and preschool opportunities. As we continue to develop this idea, we will need input from our membership. Let us know what you think.

Our League has been very effective. We have reason to be proud and appreciative of the efforts of our members. In that spirit, thank you again for the on-going efforts of the board and thanks to our membership for their active support in keeping our League vibrant and vital to our community.

*Susan Garrett*

## Thank You for Your Special Efforts

To Prue Beldler who opened her home for our Presidents' Cocktail Party on February 22nd. Prue is an invaluable League member. Her willingness to help the League has been magnanimous and very much appreciated.

To Betty Buker and Diane Lloyd for organizing Great Decisions.

To Mary Ann Kiehl and Diane Lloyd for putting together the Lake Forest Interest Group.

To Diane Lloyd for setting up the Moderator Training program.

## Thanks to Community Contributors

We wish to thank The Gloré Fund for supporting the efforts of the League with their contribution.

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

### Consolidated Election Day - Tuesday, April 1, 1997

The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 1997. At issue are four positions on the Shields County Board of Trustees, three positions on the Lake Bluff Village Board, four positions on the Lake Bluff Park District Board and a Park District Referendum in Lake Bluff.

Liese Kant (LWV-LF/LB Publicity chair) has provided the following information to local newspapers to inform the public. Because for many of us this day falls in the middle of the school spring break, you need to make special arrangements to cast your vote. Please remind your friends and neighbors who you know might be out of town during this election that they, too, may need to file applications for absentee voting and to vote before leaving town.



#### **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

The voter registration deadline for this election is March 3. Voter registration service is available at the County Clerk's Office in Waukegan, the Shields Township Supervisor's Office during regular business hours, and the Lake Bluff Library during weekday and weekend hours.

#### **APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

Beginning February 20, applications for absentee ballots can be obtained from the County Clerk's Office (360-6628). Applications also can be picked-up at the Township Supervisor's office and from either the Lake Forest or Lake Bluff municipal offices. The deadline for the County Clerk's receipt of applications for absentee ballots is March 27. Completed mail-in ballots must be received on or before March 31.

#### **OFF-SITE ABSENTEE VOTING:**

Off-site absentee voting begins on March 10 and concludes on March 31. Voters must complete an application and cast their ballots, in-person, at the County Clerk's Office or one of the aforementioned offices during regular business hours.

#### **SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE:**

Students, snow birds and permanently disabled voters can receive absentee ballots automatically on a regular basis by registering with the County Clerk. Municipal and township offices have the necessary forms to be completed by voters in need of this service. Please contact the County Clerk's Office for additional information about these programs.

#### **LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT REFERENDUM:**

Questions concerning the Lake Bluff Park District Referendum are likely to be answered during the forums to be conducted by the LWV-LF/LB (see front page). The referendum is slated to read as follows when it appears on the April 1 ballot in Lake Bluff:

"Shall bonds of the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, to the amount of Five Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,900,000) be issued for the purpose of constructing and equipping a community center and for payment of the expenses thereto?"

#### **LWV VOTERS GUIDE:**

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Voters Guide for the April 1, 1997 Consolidated Election should be ready for distribution to residents on March 13 at the first Candidate Forum. Copies will be available at the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Libraries from March 14 until the election.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS:**

For the benefit of voters who wish to get election results soon after the poles close on election night, election results can be obtained in any of four ways. As in past years, Internet users can access results from Lake County's web site at [www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck](http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck), or voters can telephone the County Clerk's Office at 360-6628 for reports. In addition, election returns are to be closed-circuit televised at the County Building in Waukegan after 8 p.m. and at various township supervisor offices. Please contact the County Clerk a week before the election to determine which township offices will be open. Results usually are not available before 8-9 p.m. as tabulation times vary with voter turnout and absentee balloting.

# MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

## LWWIL 1997 Legislative Priorities

### Social Policy

• Measures to increase the income tax and make it more progressive.

- A balanced approach to juvenile justice.

### State Fiscal Policies and School Funding

- Measures to increase the income tax and make it more progressive.
- School funding reform to increase state support to guarantee an adequate level of funding for a basic quality education for all Illinois school children.

### Opposition to:

- The diversion of state funds to non-public schools.
- Efforts to support a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

### Election Laws

- Legislation incorporating the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 into Illinois' election code.

### Opposition to:

- Efforts to rescind or undermine the National Voter Registration Act.

The League will also work on selected legislation in the following areas: reproductive choice, the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, gun control, women's issues and civil rights, health care, and government process and procedure.

This agenda is intended to be flexible to respond to League interest and developments in the legislative arena. It will depend on available League volunteer and lobbyist time, legislative expertise and financial resources.



## Campaign Finance Update

One of the aspects of Making Democracy Work is addressing the campaign financing issue. Here is an update of what is currently allowed when making donations to a political party.

There are limits on how much money an individual, business, PAC and political party can contribute to a campaign for a federal office.

Individuals can contribute up to \$1,000 to each federal candidate per election cycle, up to \$20,000 to each national party per calendar year, up to \$5,000 to each federally registered PAC per calendar year, and no more than \$25,000 per calendar year in total to federal election campaigns.

A federally registered PAC may contribute up to \$5,000 to each federal candidate per election, up to \$15,000 to each national party per calendar year, and up to \$5,000 to each federally registered PAC per calendar year. There is no limit on the total amount of money that PACs can contribute and no limit on the amount of money an individual candidate can raise from PACs.

National political parties may contribute up to \$5,000 to each candidate for the U.S. House and up to \$17,500 to each candidate for the U.S. Senate per election. State political parties may contribute up to \$5,000 to each federal candidate per election. They can contribute up to \$5,000 to each federally registered PAC.

Contributions above these amounts are made by "soft money" PACs and political

activities. Contributions for political activities in their non-federal accounts are not subject to federal limits and, in theory, only non-candidate-specific state and local "party building" activities. In practice, however, soft money is often used to benefit specific federal candidates and thus, it has become a principal way of skirting the

## MONEY + POLITICS

People Change the Equation

The LWWIL is participating in the national League's "Money + Politics" project with citizen's assemblies in Congressional Districts 1-10. We have recently learned that there is a possibility to expand the project to additional districts in Illinois.

The state League's project, funded by the Joyce Foundation, to assess the feasibility of establishing a coalition for campaign finance reform is off and running. In-depth personal interviews are being conducted with leaders in the not-for-profit, business, labor, and political areas to learn their opinions on this subject.

In addition, leaders of other coalitions here and elsewhere in the United States are being interviewed to learn what works and what doesn't in forming and maintaining a coalition. Since the report to the Joyce Foundation is due by the middle of March, we will be able to give you the results shortly.

# MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

## Lobbying Resources



The League acts on legislation through the efforts of its lobbyist, the program specialists of the LWVIL Legislative Committee, and League members throughout the state.

The LWVIL lobbyist is based in Springfield and concentrates on issues of highest priority.

Program specialists review and make recommendations on proposed legislation, and prepare and sometimes deliver testimony.

Action alerts may be sent to local Leagues and individual LWVIL Grassroots Advocates to lobby legislators on key issues.

LWVIL members also lobby annually in Springfield at the Legislative Seminar (see page 7 for this year's Legislative Seminar).

### Illinois General Assembly Calendar 1997:

February 7	Deadline for introduction of Senate bills
March 10	Deadline for introduction of House bills
March 14	Senate deadline for committee action on Senate bills
March 21	House deadline for committee action on House bills
March 21	Senate deadline for passage of Senate bills
April 25	House deadline for passage of House bills
May 8	House deadline for committee action on House bills
May 9	Senate deadline for committee action on House bills
May 16	Senate deadline for passage of House bills
May 16	House deadline for passage of Senate bills
May 23	Scheduled adjournment

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School Funding Specialist	Judy Berliant	847/362-1865
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Gun Control Specialist	Barb Lippai	847/432-8185

### Getting Information Regarding Bills and the Legislative Calendar:

#### To Obtain a Copy of a Bill:

Bills as introduced are available in the bill room of the house of origin. Once a bill passes the house of origin, it is retyped to include all of the amendments which were adopted. The retyped copy is the "engrossed" bill and is available in the bill room of the second house. Copies of bill, specified by house of origin and number, may be requested in person or by phone.

House Bill Room: (217) 782-5799

Senate Bill Room: (217) 782-9778

Legislation which has passed both chambers is "enrolled and engrossed" in preparation for being sent to the governor. Bills are retyped and all adopted amendments are incorporated. Copies of these bills can be obtained from the enrolling and engrossing office of the house of origin.

House Enrolling and Engrossing: (217) 782-7192

Senate Enrolling and Engrossing: (217) 782-6970

#### To Obtain an Update on the Status of a Bill:

Legislative Information Service (LIS): (217) 782-3944

House Speaker's Legislative Hotline: (800) 252-6300

For information regarding the governor's action on a bill: Governor's Legislative Liaison Office: (217) 782-6871

#### To Obtain Information Regarding the Legislative Calendar:

The Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate each publish a daily calendar for their respective chamber. Each office will also have a tentative calendar for the session including deadlines for the introduction of bills and for committee and chamber action on bills, the dates the legislature will be in session, and the tentative adjournment date.

Clerk of the House: (217) 782-8223

Secretary of the Senate: (217) 982-7240

Your legislator's district office is also a valuable resource.

District office staff are usually happy to provide constituents with legislative information.

## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Moderator Training Session Scheduled for March 5

Learn how to moderate (or set up or screen questions for) a successful debate or candidate forum at a moderator training session on Wednesday, March 5 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Gorton Community Center (Gorton Room) 402 E. Willow Road, Lake Forest. Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff at the Gorton Community Center (Gorton Room) 402 E. Willow Road, Lake Forest.

The training session will be conducted by Marlene Schell of Schell Communications. Marlene is a member of the Township Area League and conducted this training session for the LWV, this fall. She is contributing her time so there will be no charge. The training is appropriate both for new (have never moderated and may be interested) and for more seasoned moderators. For reservations, call Diane Lloyd, 615-9182.

### Observers Needed - Can YOU Help?

Do you wonder...

what happens at the many public meetings?

what was the discussion that preceded an important vote?

We are looking for League members who are willing to attend city/village meetings and report in League Lines what is happening. Observers serve the role of an interested citizen and can help to let elected officials know that we are interested. Meetings of city council/village board and schools boards in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff are the first priority. We also need someone for Observer Corps Coordinator, which is keeping a record of who the observers are and an occasional meeting of observers.

If either of these roles interests you, call Susan Garrett, 295-4001. We would like to get pairs of members who could share the work so that you wouldn't have to attend every meeting. In fact, attending any meetings is more than we have now so we can definitely work with your schedule.

### LF Interest Group: Lake Forest's Master Plan

The League's Lake Forest Interest Group invites leaguers and friends to a discussion of the City's Master Plan (and its relationship with the Teska and Clarion studies) on Friday, March 21 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. at Gorton Community Center.

League member and alderman Abigail Fassnacht (2nd ward) and possibly others will be available to answer questions. Bring your lunch and join us in the Friends' Room.

??Questions?? Call Mary Ann Kiehl (295-9081) or Diane Lloyd (615-9182).

### League Member's Book on Local Shelves



Kathy Stevenson's name may be very familiar to many of you. In addition to becoming a new League member, Kathy is a well-known writer.

Her articles appear in a regular issue in the Chicago Tribune (in the op-ed and Lake sections) and in the Lake Forest Journal. Her book, *Second Thoughts*, is available at the Lake Forest Library and can be purchased at 800 Carlton in Lake Forest.

### Welcome New Member

Katie Fagan

166 Kimberly Lane, Lake Forest

### Tapes Available of

"The Role of Township Government in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff" Program

For those of you who are interested in viewing the program "The Role of Township Government in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff," videotapes are now available to check out at both the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Public Libraries.

This program will also be cablecast on LFTV, Channel 19, every Monday at 10:00 p.m. during March. The program is approximately ninety minutes long.

## March is Women's History Month!

### Did You Know?

March 8th is International

Women's Day ..since 1911.

In 1981 Congress designated the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week.

In 1987 a resolution was passed and signed by the president which acknowledges that "the role of American women in history has been overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American History," and calls on the "people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities."

### Local League Women in Government

Special recognition is due to League members who currently hold elected or appointed positions serving our communities:

Mary Beattie,	Member, Lake County Board
Abigail Fasnacht,	Alderman, Lake Forest City Council
Virginia Frederick,	Lake Forest City Supervisor
Christie Gescheider,	Member, District 67 Board of Education
Suzanne Henderson,	Member, District 115 Board of Education
Mary Jane Wolter,	Member, Lake Forest Building Review Board
Corinne Wood,	State Representative, District 59

## LWVIL Legislative Seminar - On To Springfield!

More than 100 Leaguers gathered in Chicago on February 1 for the first of two legislative seminars this year. Participants were briefed on the LWVIL legislative interview issues and learned about what's in store for the 90th General Assembly and how to lobby effectively in the district office.

On April 16, League members will gather in Springfield to see the legislature in action, lobby their legislators on key League issues and learn what's going on inside the capitol corridors.

Join us at a critical time in the legislative session to make our voices heard!

Wednesday - April 16, 1997 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building - Room 118

Springfield, IL

(Registrants will be mailed directions.)

Please complete and return the registration form no later than April 7, 1997.

### REGISTRATION

#### LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR - APRIL 16, 1997 - SPRINGFIELD, IL

To register, mail completed form by April 7, 1997, to:  
LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1142, Chicago, IL 60604

I'll be there!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check

\$12.00 on or before April 7, 1997 (\$15.00 after April 7 or at the door)

Fee includes light refreshments. For more information, contact the LWVIL office

# League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention '97

Communicate  
Collaborate  
Celebrate



48th Convention of the LWVIL  
May 16-18, 1997  
Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria

Communicate, Collaborate and Celebrate: These key ingredients to success... Work will be the focal points of the 48th Convention. The League of Women Voters of Illinois, League members will be treated to a stimulating, educational, and fun-filled weekend at the state convention.

The business of the convention will begin on Saturday, May 17 and conclude by mid-day on the 18th. Pre-convention activities on Friday include two seminars, a workshop, or tours and shopping.

Workshops on Friday and Saturday afternoon are designed to enhance skills in bringing the diverse populations of our communities together and in strengthening our Leagues to operate in a changing society. New on the schedule for this convention are "chats." Chats will be more informal than workshops and are planned as opportunities for delegates to network with other Leagues about a variety of topics. Scattered throughout the weekend will be opportunities to celebrate and toast your many successes over the last two years as we conduct League business and lay plans for the coming biennium.

After Friday evening's dinner a discussion on Commit to Community-how to recruit and retain volunteers in today's society - will be led by Marilyn Schroeder, Divisional Director for Volunteer Services for the Salvation Army/Heartland Division and past president of the Peoria Volunteer Network.

- DELEGATES:** According to the LWVIL bylaws our League having a membership of 129 members may be represented by the president and five delegates. If you are interested in serving as delegate, please contact Susan Garrett, LWV-LF/LB president, for more complete information.
- REGISTRATION:** Use included form. Each delegate, alternate, and visitor needs a separate form. **DEADLINE FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION: APRIL 25, 1997:** A late fee will be charged for registrations postmarked after 4/25/97; no registration changes will be accepted after May 13, 1997.
- HOTEL REGISTRATION:** Call the Holiday Inn City Centre by April 25, 1997. The League block of rooms will be reserved until April 25; the Lions of Illinois will also be meeting at the Holiday Inn, so you need to observe the deadline.
- COST:** Registration for the convention with a full meal package is \$150; after April 25, the fee will be \$160. A Visitor's fee is \$20 (not including meals). LWV-LF/LB subsidizes delegates attending.
- SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS:**
- Creating Coalitions:** practical guidelines for productive collaborations among organizations, as well as strategies to help build trust through shared objectives, clear expectations and open discussions (Friday, 2-5PM, \$30 fee)
  - Cyber Communications:** plan and design your League's web site-advocacy 1997 style. Hands-on workshop with a computer for every participant. A \$20 workbook for every participant to take home to aid in building their own web site. (Friday, 2-5PM, \$40 fee)
  - Cardinal Rules of Convention:** Open Meetings Act and parliamentary procedures (Friday, 4-5:30PM)
  - Change is Crucial:** strategic thinking about League membership; creating new ways to be active in the League (Saturday 12:15-1:45PM)
  - Coping with Contrary Colleagues:** how to deal with difficult people; maintaining civility in public meetings; creating a receptive environment for discussion (Saturday 12:15-1:45PM)
  - Cooking Class for CEOs:** Local League president's workshop (Saturday 12:15-1:45PM)
  - Colossal Communications:** customize communications for League bulletins and publicity
  - Classes for Candidates:** techniques for recruiting candidates to run for office; what candidates need to know on how to file; training tips for candidates (Saturday 12:15-1:45PM)



**League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention '97****Convention '97 Registration**

Please use this form and send a separate copy for each delegate, alternate and visitor.  
Return all forms with the appropriate fees for convention registration and meals.

**NOTE: Room reservations must be made by April 25, 1997 by calling  
Holiday Inn City Centre directly at (309) 674-2500.  
Reference the LWVIL Convention when making your reservation.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (\_\_\_\_)  
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_ Portfolio: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration (check one): Deadline April 25, 1997\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate - \$75  
\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate - \$75  
\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor - \$20

**Meals (check one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Meal Package - \$75 (Fri. Dinner; Sat. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sun. Breakfast)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Dinner - \$25  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sat./Sun. Package - \$55 (Sat. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; Sun. Breakfast)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch - \$15

*Sorry no meal package substitution.*

**Please Sign Up**

\_\_\_\_\_ CEO's Breakfast (for presidents and co-presidents only, please)

**Total Enclosed:**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ is included for my registration, meals and pre conference training fees  
(PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE TO SELECT SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS AND MEALS)

**\*Refunds/Late Charges:**

A \$10 processing charge will be deducted from any refund. Any charges incurred by the LWVIL because the refund request was received after the hotel deadline cannot be refunded. A \$10 late charge will be applied to all registrations postmarked after April 25, 1997. No registration changes will be accepted after May 13, 1997.

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**League of Women Voters of Illinois Convention '97****Workshops/Meals**

I plan to Attend the Following

**Pre-Conference Training Seminars**

Friday, May 16, 1997 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Creating Coalitions<sup>mdw</sup> - \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Cyber Communication: Working on the Web<sup>mdw</sup> - \$40\*  
(\*Includes a valuable handbook outlining the program)

**Convention Workshops**

Fri., May 16, 1997 4:00 - 5:30

\_\_\_\_\_ Cardinal Rules of Convention

Sat., May 17, 1997, 12:15 - 1:45 (select one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Change is Crucial

\_\_\_\_\_ Coping with Contrary Colleagues<sup>mdw</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Cooking Class for CEO's

\_\_\_\_\_ Colossal Communications

\_\_\_\_\_ Classes for Candidates<sup>mdw</sup>

For more information on the pre-conference training seminars and the convention workshops, refer to the Seminar and Workshops flyer. Please note training seminars and workshops are subject to cancellation if the minimum registration level is not met.

**Dinner Selections**

Friday, May 16

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian "Burgers"

\_\_\_\_\_ No Meal

Saturday, May 17

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Stuffed Shells

\_\_\_\_\_ No Meal

Please let us know if you have any physical or dietary requirements that we can assist you with:

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## For Your Information. . .

### From LWV of Lake County: Kids First Fair . . .



Despite an uncanny knack year after year for picking a day with temperatures soaring into the 90s for our Kids First Fair, we offered this service and the people came . . . and came . . . and came. This year the number of families served increased by 29% for a total of \$13. A whopping 3,963 units of medical services were provided to 2,149 children. Thanks to all who helped this year.

The Steering Committee began meeting in October to plan next year's fair. Most positions on the committee are filled, but two new ones are being added this year for which chairs are needed:

a volunteer coordinator to help with various operations during the year such as packing backpacks, sorting books, etc. (not to coordinate the 650 volunteers who help the day of the fair) and

a chair of Outreach to Community Organizations: as the fair continues to grow, we need to reach out for support from a broader range of community groups.

If you might be interested in either of these positions and are willing to help, please call Claire Weiner, 945-6088 or Mary McLaughlin, 381-1443. They're sitting by their phones waiting to hear from you.

## An Update for the Listing of Elected Officials (in the Membership Directory)

### State Representative Corinne G. Wood (R 59)

Lake Forest District Office:  
191 East Deerpath, Suite 103,  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
Phone: (847) 295-7511  
Fax: (847) 295-7512

e-mail: RepWood@aol.com

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Waukegan District Office:  
Wysocki Law Building  
403 Grand Avenue,  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Phone: (847) 623-WOOD

Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
or by appointment

Springfield Legislative Office:  
2110-N Strathon Building  
Springfield, IL 62706  
Phone: (217) 782-6400  
Fax: (217) 782-1139

You're invited to  
AN EDUCATION FORUM

hosted by State Representative Corinne G. Wood

Saturday, March 8, 1997  
9:00 a.m.

Trustmark Insurance Company  
400 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois

Representative Wood has invited 59th District  
education experts, including administrators,  
board school members, teachers,  
parents and students  
to participate in a discussion  
of the funding reform proposals  
in the Illinois General Assembly.

The public encouraged to attend.  
Seating is limited.

For more information, call (847) 295-7511

## Dates to Remember

### MARCH

- 3 Last Day to Register for April 1 Consolidated Elections
- 5 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton
- 5 Moderator Training Session, 7:30 p.m., Gorton
- 6 International Women's Day
- 8 Education Forum, 9:00 a.m., Trustmark Insurance Co., Lake Forest
- 10 Off-site Absentee Balloting begins
- 12 League Lines deadline for April issue
- 13 CANDIDATES FORUM (Lake Bluff Park District Commissioner), 7:00 p.m., Gorton
- 13 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00
- 19 CANDIDATES FORUM (Lake Bluff Village Trustee), 7:00 p.m., Gorton
- 20 CANDIDATES FORUM (Shields Township Trustee), 7:00 p.m., Gorton
- 21 Lake Forest Interest Group, 11:30 - 1:00, Friends' Room, Gorton
- 27 Deadline for Absentee Ballot Application
- 31 Off-site Absentee Balloting ends

### APRIL

- 1 Consolidated Elections
- 7 Registration deadline for Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing (for reduced rate, can register later or at the door)
- 9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton
- 9 League Lines deadline for May issue
- 11 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00
- 16 Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00, State Capitol Bldg., Springfield
- 25 Registration deadline for LWVIL State Convention

### MAY

- 9 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00
- 14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller
- 16-18 LWVIL State Convention, Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria



### League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

Gorton Community Center  
400 East Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045



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## CANDIDATES FORUMS

*Thursday, March 13*

*Commissioner - Lake Bluff Park District*

*Wednesday, March 19*

*Trustee - Village of Lake Bluff*

*Thursday, March 20*

*Trustee - Shields Township*

All forums will be held at Gorton Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.



# League Lines

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## Welcome New Member

Julia Fiske  
463 Glen Avenue, Lake Bluff

Lake Bluff  
Lake Forest

## League to Hold Joint Community Discussion

Wednesday, April 23 - 9:30 a.m.  
Lake Forest City Council Chambers  
at the Lake Forest City Hall

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff will be hosting an informal joint community discussion with Lake Forest City Manager Robert Kiely and Lake Bluff Village Administrator Kent Street on Wednesday, April 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Forest City Council Chambers in the Lake Forest City Hall.

Kiely and Street will provide an update of current plans for their respective communities. Following their discussion, members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

This is a tradition for the League to hold this meeting and it is a unique opportunity to hear from both communities at the same time. We hope that many League members and their friends from both communities will attend.

## 1997 LWW/LF-LB ANNUAL MEETING

League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

### 1997 Annual Meeting

May 14, 1997 - 6:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner  
at the home of Bea Mueller  
45 South Mayflower Road, Lake Forest

Elect Officers  
Adopt 1997-1998 Program Budget  
Make Program Decisions for 1997-1998

(Watch for details in the next newsletter)





## League Lines

President	
Susan Garrett	295-4001
Vice President/Voter Service	
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Vice President/Membership	
Judy Grisamore	234-3510
Secretary	
Eleanor Knight	295-2542
Treasurer	
Ann Hollis	295-2463

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Cable Coordinator	
Lorraine Bach	295-3210
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Arlene Loepp	615-1535
LWW-Lake County Board Liaison	
Peg Halner	234-3525
Membership Development	
Diane Lloyd	615-9182
Newsletter	
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Phyllis Albrecht	234-7062
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Peg Haldring	604-9324
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Elaine Slayton	295-0275
Publicity	
Liese Kant	295-1415
Resources	
Mary Lane Mathews	295-1494
Voter Registration	
Char Kreuz	295-3427
Voter Service co-chair	
Mary Claire Briggs	615-8661



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive League Lines.

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Recent League activities were highlighted by two Lake Bluff candidates forums and one Shields Township forum. All the programs were open to the public and were well-attended. In association with these forums, we offered voter's guides for all participants. The League had found that it is turned to continuously to provide information, and we welcome the opportunity. In the past, we have provided this service only for contested elections.

Going forward, the board's position will be to hear from candidates and find out where they stand on important issues, whether the candidates are opposed or not.

At our March meeting, the board voted to continue offering candidate forums for contested offices and to offer similar forums for uncontested candidates. We believe we can do both now, thanks to a strong and active membership, and access to community cablecasting. So, beginning with school board elections next fall, and following with municipal elections in the spring, the League will offer additional opportunities to hear from the candidates of our local taxing bodies. We will carefully evaluate the effectiveness of these additional forums, and will only continue if we perceive value for the voters and the community.

At this time, we are not prepared to cover the uncontested elections for State Representative, State Senator, Shields Township and the Lake Bluff Library Board.

I am encouraged by the direction our League is taking, responding to our community's needs. The board, in its efforts to facilitate participation in the democratic process, is certainly working hard to "make democracy work" locally.

*Susan Garrett*

## Thanks to Community Contributor

We wish to thank **Art Baker** for supporting the efforts of the League with his contribution.

## Watch for Your Annual Meeting Packet

Four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting you should receive your packet of information. Among the contents of the packet will be the agenda and rules for the meeting, recommended by-laws changes, recommended program, Report of the Nominating Committee, and Proposed Budget.



Please review these materials and plan to attend the meeting. It's one of the few times we all get together and have an opportunity for lively discussion making plans for the upcoming League year!

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

Consolidated Election Day - Tuesday, April 1Make An Informed Choice: Check Out the Voters' Guide

Mary Claire Briggs, Voter Service co-chair, has compiled a 23-page Voters' Guide for the April 1 Consolidated Elections. Originally, we had planned to include the guide in the newsletter; because of its length and cost of printing, we are unable to do that.

The guide contains information from all candidates running in the contested elections for Lake Bluff Park District Commissioner, Lake Bluff Village Trustee, and Shields Township Trustee.

If you would like a copy, you may pick one up at the Lake Bluff Public Library, Center Video, the Lake Bluff Public Safety Building or call Mary Claire. We were only able to print 300 copies. Share your copy with a friend or neighbor.

Many, many thanks to Mary Claire for her pursuit of the candidates and their stands!

Watch Forums on Cable:

Use this schedule to watch cablecasts of forums and programs regarding the election on LFTV Channel 19.

**Lake Bluff Park District Commissioner Candidates Forum**  
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.      Monday, 8:00 a.m.  
 Friday, 6:00 p.m.      Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

**Lake Bluff Board of Trustees Candidates Forum**  
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.      Monday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday, 7:30 p.m.      Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

**Shields Township Board of Trustees Candidates Forum**  
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.      Monday, 11:00 a.m.  
 Friday, 9:00 p.m.      Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Also of interest,  
**Lake Bluff Park District Bond Review\*\***  
 Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.      Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.  
 Thursday, 6:00 p.m.      Friday, 10:00 a.m.

**Role of Township Government Program**  
 Monday, 10:00 p.m.      Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Check listings at the Cable Commission Website at  
<http://cityllf.ltc.edu/lfcc.htm>

\*\*also U.S. Cable Channel 19 Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Many thanks to Lorraine Bach for producing the League cablecasts and to Alice Flaherty for operating the camera at the programs!

### In-Person Absentee Voting through March 31

**City of Lake Forest**

City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath Road  
 234-2600

Monday - Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Village of Lake Bluff**

Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue  
 234-0774

Monday - Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Shields Township**

(residents of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood)  
 191 E. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest  
 234-0802

Weekdays (except Wednesday)  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Wednesdays  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Office of the County Clerk**

18 N. County Street, Room 101, Waukegan  
 360-3610

Monday - Friday  
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## From the Treasurer . . .

In the Annual Meeting Packet you will receive a proposed budget for our fiscal year 1997-1998 prepared by the budget committee of Mary Lane Mathews, Susan Garrett, and Ann Hollis. Here is some information to get you thinking about our finances.

Of your dues, 86% is sent away as per-member-payments (PMP) to other levels of LWV (national, state, county, and Lake Michigan Inter-League Group). LWV-Lake Forest-Lake Bluff has use of only 14% of that money (\$5.75 of your \$45.00).

Our income is generated from five different sources:

Dues	48%
Interest	3%
Preschool Book	3%
Member Donations	12%
Fundraising	34%

If an adjustment is made showing that we only have use of 14% of

your dues, the income figures appear as:

Dues	15%
Interest	5%
Preschool Book	4%
Member Donations	20%
Fundraising	56%

I think it is evident why we do so much fundraising considering our dues income. This year thanks to the capable direction of Mary Lane Mathews, resources chair, and Susan Garrett, president, the fundraising activities have been very successful.

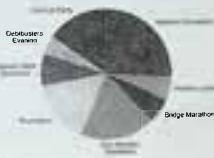
In addition to the three social activities (Debtbusters eve last summer, December holiday luncheon and book review February cocktail party), was raised from four other activities.

These are the bridge group that meets at Gorton; the LWVIL

Phonathon spearheaded by Diane Lloyd and matching funds from two League members; election work donations by League members; and non-member donations.

This year Mary and Susan contacted members of the business community and community at large for support; to date the response to this effort from non-members is \$875.00.

Your member support has been extremely generous. On behalf of the entire board - THANKS!



## From the Lake County LWV . . .

Tour of the New Juvenile Detention & Court Facility & Brown Bag Lunch with Judge Margaret Mullen

Tuesday, April 29  
11:00 a.m.

The Lake County League of Women Voters is sponsoring a tour of the new juvenile complex on Milwaukee Road on Tuesday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. There is a dining room at the facility where we will be able to talk with Judge Margaret Mullen over lunch.

Reservations are requested by calling Linda Bartmes (234-7069) by April 27. Linda will give you directions when you call in your reservation.

## From the League of Women Voters of Illinois

The League of Women Voters of Illinois offers two opportunities for Leaguers to network for "Making Democracy Work." Information and registration forms for these two meetings, the Legislative Seminar in Springfield and the 1997 State Convention was included in last month's newsletter.

We particularly hope a member of the LWV of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff will be interested to attend the State Convention. If you are able to go and represent us, we pay for your registration, lodging and transportation. Our League may have several delegates; please call Susan Garrett (295-4001) if you are interested.

1997 LWVIL Legislative Seminar  
Wednesday - April 16

State Capitol Building - Springfield, IL



48th Convention of the LWVIL  
May 16-18, 1997  
Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria



## Membership Information and Opportunities

### We Couldn't Do It Without You!

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of many Leaguers who were instrumental in presenting candidate forums for this election. Our League and communities are grateful for their hard work.

**Anne Taylor Csar** and **Mary Claire Briggs** co-chair the Voter Service Committee which is responsible for candidates forums and the voters' guide. Both put in many hours of preparation for their projects - Anne, for the three candidates forums (with numerous candidates and procedural conundrums); Mary Claire, for the voters' guide (and the challenge of responses way beyond the word limit). Ask them about their "war" stories - but not until after the election to give them time to catch their breath!

Our moderators did a splendid job. Thanks to **Joyce O'Keefe** from the Highland Park League for moderating the Lake Bluff Park District Commissioners Candidates Forum on March 13. Two of our own Leaguers, moderated the other two forums - both moderating for the first time!

**Bridget Hutchen** moderated the Lake Bluff Village Trustee Candidates Forum on March 19. Bridget received her law degree from Loyola University in

Chicago. She worked over nine years as a prosecutor before she opened her own law practice at 191 E. Deerpath (Suite 202). She specializes in family law, specifically divorce and juvenile law issues.

**Peg Heldring** moderated the Shields Township Trustee Candidates Forum on March 20. Peg, also an attorney, received her degree from Seton Hall Law University in Newark, New Jersey. She has practiced law since 1983 and is currently a sole practitioner in Lake Forest specializing primarily in the areas of real estate and estate planning.

Others who assisted as timers, question screeners, card collectors, and other assorted jobs were: **Susan Ernest, Carol Gilbert, Judy Grisamore, Nancy Hansen, Linda Nles, Susan Kessler, Eleanor Knight, Beth Kress, Char Kreuz, Arlene Loepp, Diane Lloyd, Mary Lane Mathews, Cindy Morehead, Elaine Stayton, and Mary Jane Wolter.** Lake Forest High School junior, **Jillian Gutman**, served as a timer at the March 19th forum.

**Lorraine Bach** and **Alice Flaherty** were absolutely indispensable for making these forums available on cable. Many thanks to all!

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff wishes to thank  
LFTV Channel 19 for their assistance extraordinaire and  
Lake Forest Bank and Trust for their generosity  
in underwriting the costs associated with rental of the Gorton Community Room.

### New Moderators Trained

Moderator training hosted by LWV-LF/LB was held March 5 at Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest. Thanks to **Diane Lloyd, LWV Lake County Voter Service Chair** and **LWV-LF/LB member**, for organizing the session.

Along with league members from Libertyville, Waukegan and Highland Park, twelve local leaguers participated in the workshop: **Judy Grisamore, Susan Garrett, Carol Gilbert, Julia Fiske, Lorraine Bach, Bridget Hutchen, Mary Claire Briggs, Fatie Fagan, Mary Lane Mathews, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Kaltsas, and Peg Heldring.**

Already two "rookies" have been immersed into the process by serving as moderators at the recent candidates forums. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!

### News-Sun Readers - Help!



**Liese Kant**, publicity chair, requests any League member who subscribes to the News-Sun newspaper clip any publicity articles about the LWV-LF/LB and send to her. She's compiling a scrapbook of articles and needs your help with this publication.

### Oops!! Our Apologies

Last issue we gave special recognition to League members currently holding elected or appointed positions serving in our communities. We inadvertently omitted:

**Theresia Yakes, Shields Township Assessor**

# Dates to Remember

## MARCH

- 31 Off-site Absentee Balloting ends

## APRIL

- Consolidated Elections  
 Registration deadline for Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing (for reduced rate, can register later or at the door)  
 9 LWV-LF/LB Board Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gorton  
 9 League Lines deadline for May issue  
 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00  
 16 Springfield Legislative Seminar Briefing, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00, State Capitol Bldg., Springfield  
 23 Community Discussion, Lake Forest City Council Chambers, 9:30 a.m.  
 25 Registration deadline for LWVIL State Convention  
 29 LWV Lake County Tour of New Juvenile Facility, 11:00 (call Linda Bartmes)

## MAY

- 9 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 - 3:00  
 14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller, 6:30 p.m.  
 16-18 LWVIL State Convention, Holiday Inn City Centre, Peoria



Char Kreuz  
 35 Warrington Drive  
 Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Community Discussion  
 Lake Forest  
 and  
 Lake Bluff Village Administrator  
 Wednesday, April 23 - 9:30 a.m.  
 Lake Forest Council Chambers  
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## Welcome New Member

Kimberly Moss  
1045 W. Old Mill Road,  
Lake Forest

## 1997 ANNUAL MEETING

League of Women Voters  
of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff

May 14, 1997 - 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Bea Mueller  
45 South Mayflower Road  
Lake Forest

Light Catered Dinner provided for \$5.00 per person.  
Reservations need to be made by May 9  
by calling Patricia Loftus (604-8669).

The Annual Meeting Packet has been mailed to all  
members of the LWV-LF/LB. Please read the  
material and bring the packet to the meeting.

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It is a great time -- and takes over 250 volunteers. We know many of you have a conflict with this date because of Lake Forest Day, but here's a way from you to be involved and still see the parade! Help is needed with setting up on Tuesday, August 5th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Waukegan High School. If you can help with this job, contact Eleanor Knight, 295-2542.

If you can work on Wednesday, August 6, call Sallie Hamm, Volunteer Chairman, 362-6993. She will be glad to see that you get assigned.





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## President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope many of you will attend our annual meeting on Wednesday, May 14th. At this event we will conduct business over a casual dinner, discuss the past year, and consider our future direction.

This League made significant strides throughout the past year, in providing forums covering a range of community topics and candidates running for local office. I am personally proud of the League's many accomplishments, and know that residents of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff are appreciative of our efforts to educate and inform. Our efforts have been even more effective thanks to the help of local cablecasting and generous press coverage. We hope to be able to keep up the pace and continue to provide candidate forums and round-table discussions on community issues throughout this year.

One of the most important events at our annual meeting is the election of next year's board (see next page). As many former board members can attest, League work can be all-consuming at times. Thank you to those who have agreed to provide time and expertise and serve on our board next year. The nominating committee, comprised of Alice Sievert (chair), Emily Jennings, Ann Hamlin, Diane Lloyd and Peg Holding did a wonderful job recruiting your board for the 1997-98 year. We will surely miss the leadership of our outgoing board members: Lorraine Bach, Peg Hafner, Eleanor Knight, Diane Lloyd and Arlene Loepp.

I hope to see you on May 14th. Your ideas and input for future programs will be welcome at our annual meeting. And finally, thank you for making this past year successful and gratifying.

*Susan Garrett*



We wish to extend our sympathies to Judy Grisamore and her family on the death of her husband, Charles William (Bill) Grisamore.

If you wish, contributions may be sent to:  
Development Fund  
St. Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave.  
Evanston, IL 60202-3399  
(for the Oncology Department)

## LWY-LF/LB 1997 Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors

### Nominations for 1997-1999 Board Terms

#### Officers

President*	Susan Garrett
Vice President	Peg Heldring (Assistant to President)
Secretary	Mary Jane Wolter

#### Directors

Membership	Linda Hinde
Program, Assoc. Chair	Carol Gilbert
Newsletter Editor	Bev Adamczyk
Cable Coordinator	Alice Flaherty
Lake County Board Liaison	Linda Bartmes
Hospitality	Judy Grisamore

\*Related to conform to bylaws requirement for odd-year election to 2-year term

### Nominations to Fill 1996-1998 Board Terms

#### Officers

Vice President	Mary Claire Briggs (Voter Service)
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#### Directors

National and State Action	Anne Csar
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### Continuing Board

#### Officers

President	Susan Garrett
Treasurer	Ann Hollis

#### Directors

Program Chair	Elaine Slayton
Action	Phyllis Albrecht
Voter Registration	Char Kreuz
Publicity	Liese Kant
Resources	Mary Lane Matthews

### Nominations for 1997-1998 Nominating Committee

Diane Lloyd, Chair	T. Yakes
	Alice Pierce

Submitted by the 1996-1997 Nominating Committee:

Alice Sievert, Chair	Peg Heldring, Board Representative
Emily Jennings	Diane Lloyd, Board Representative
Ann Hamlin	

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

### LWVUS Legislative Priorities

As the 105th Congress convened, the LWVUS board adopted the following legislative priorities for 1997.

#### Level One

- Enacting Campaign Finance Reform
- Protecting the National Voter Registration Act

#### Level Two

- Enacting Health Care Legislation to provide Access to Children
- Enacting Health Care Legislation Protecting Medicare
- Strengthening Clean Air Safeguards
- Protecting and Strengthening the Clean Water Act
- Strengthening the United Nations by Providing Adequate Funding

The League will be proactive on both Level One and Level Two issues in Congress, including lobbying and grassroots action. Action Alerts will be sent to Leagues on both Level One and Level Two issues as appropriate. LWVUS media work will focus primarily on Level One issues.

## LWVUS Campaign Finance Reform Strategy

by Becky Cain, President and Eleanor Revelle, Program Chair, LWVUS

LWVUS has been working actively to develop fresh approaches to campaign finance reform in order to break the partisan logjam on Capitol Hill. Together with Norm Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute, Tom Mann at the Brookings Institution and a group of other academics, the League has endorsed the principles of a consensus approach that focuses on closing the worst of the loopholes in existing law and strengthening the Federal Election Commission.

In addition to this short-term, consensus approach, we are continuing to work for long-term solutions, particularly public financing, to the problems of campaign finance. Legislation will soon be introduced in Congress to provide for public financing. While such legislation likely will not pass this Congress, we will endorse it and work for it over the long-term.

Some reform groups, Common Cause in particular, will be pushing for enactment of the McCain-Feingold bill in this Congress. The League does not

support this legislation and we believe that concentrating on it is a political mistake. Substantively, the bill bans PACs while failing to provide additional limits on large contributions from individuals. It undermines disclosure and is clearly unconstitutional. Other groups who do not favor the bill include Citizen Action, the PIRGs, and others who have focused on public financing.

Potentially, we believe that concentrating on McCain-Feingold is a mistake because its key provision, spending limits for congressional candidates, is the element that ensures that opponents in the Senate can successfully filibuster against reform. If a spending limits bill is seen as the definition of reform, reform efforts will fail. The League believes a more flexible approach is needed, and that the rapid expansion of the soft money, independent expenditure, and issue advocacy loopholes means that we must focus first on closing the loopholes in existing law. While the Shays-Meehan bill is characterized as the House companion to the McCain-Feingold bill, it doesn't

contain the worst flaws of the McCain-Feingold, and spending limits do not pose such a significant threat to the success in the House.

You may be approached to work in favor of the McCain-Feingold bill, by writing letters, participating in a petition drive or through other efforts. Please do not do so, since the League believes the bill is fundamentally flawed. Instead, please contact your representatives in the Senate and the House and tell them that legislation is needed to close the soft money, independent expenditure and issue advocacy loopholes. While McCain-Feingold does contain some of these elements, it is burdened by the significant flaws. The Shays-Meehan bill in the House is one approach, a good starting point, closing these loopholes. Remind your elected representatives that members of both political parties must work together to gain meaningful reform legislation in this Congress. For the long-term, the League strongly supports public financing of congressional elections.

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

### Addressing Campaign Finance Reform in Illinois

Executive Summary - LWVIL Education Fund - 3/18/97

The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund conducted an eight-week study exploring the feasibility of building a coalition to lead educational outreach on the campaign finance reform issue at the state level in Illinois. The principle goal of this project was to determine and recommend the most effective organizational model for promoting debate and thoughtful consideration of this issue among policy makers, community leaders, the media and the public on an ongoing basis.

To better understand the climate for campaign finance reform in Illinois, the League conducted a qualitative research study. Ninety civic leaders were interviewed for this project, either in person, over the telephone or by mail, to gauge their knowledge and interest in campaign finance reform. The League's research overwhelmingly indicated displeasure with the existing system. There was an almost universal impression that the system was inequitable, although most respondents revealed that they had only limited knowledge of campaign finance practices in Illinois and had no prescription for improving the system.

Regardless of the level of familiarity with Illinois campaign finance regulations and practices, respondents rarely expressed outrage at the system. To be sure, there was distaste and cynicism, but in large part, the current system with all its limitations is the one that they understand and have learned to operate. In fact, a majority of advocacy groups resisted accepting the premise that campaign finance practices have either an impact on their work or merit consideration as an issue for organizational support. Almost slavish adherence to strategic plans, mission statements and organizational action emphases initially poses a formidable barrier for the non-profit groups to consider campaign finance reform. Yet, time and again, it took very little additional exploration of campaign finance practices for respondents to begin seeing linkages to their work and their organizational effectiveness. Some respondents were intrigued by the possibility of shaping reform, but most expressed fears of "unilateral disarmament."

An additional task noted by several

respondents focused on the average voter's lack of awareness. Campaign finance abuses are most easily understood in clear-cut, adversarial win-lose situations, yet these occur relatively rarely. Instead, influence buying is a long-term investment. Citizens need to understand that the cost of more tollways or a largely unregulated gaming industry may be a smaller funding pie for education and social services.

In summary, respondents identified the following key elements for a successful reform effort on campaign finance practices: **Strong, meaningful leadership** - for example, former Senator Simon's continued involvement with this issue is seen as a critical element; **mainstream coalition** - a broad-based coalition where the average citizen can see his or her interests reflected; **structure and support** - necessary to help the existing players develop into an independent coalition; **grassroots mobilization** - organizing district-centered citizen feedback; **education** - to illuminate linkages and significance of the issue; **media participation** - to ratchet up the pace of reform, respondents repeatedly focused on the necessity of a media strategy to sidestep the difficulties of working through a coalition.

Based on the research, the League believes that there is not yet a sufficient organizational base from which to build a campaign finance reform coalition that will impact Illinois' entrenched political power structure. Instead, it will be necessary to first strengthen relationships and alliances before forging an effective network of diverse special interests. Such a strategy will allow these advocates to balance their commitment to their organizational self-interests with better policy decision-making to deal with a politically charged issue like campaign finance reform.

Despite the obvious difficulties in moving forward on this issue, Illinois enjoys several advantages. First, the campaign finance issue has been well-researched in Illinois and a wealth of excellent educational materials ranging from videotapes to reports have been produced. Second, and most importantly, several groups that have already staked out common ground by linking informally, provide a good basis for

the formation of a citizen education network. This group, while not yet strong or cohesive enough to form an independent coalition, provides the basis for a citizen education network on this issue. Group members have connections to an array of constituencies and is well situated to educate and involve other groups in the campaign finance issue.

The League's recommended strategy depends on implementation of a variety of educational approaches targeted to addressing the specific needs and concerns of individual interest blocs. The citizen education network's member groups will work individually and collectively, utilizing their respective strengths and talents, to bring other organizations into the process. As these groups come to a common understanding of the need for campaign finance regulation in Illinois, a purpose statement and broad goals will become the basis for ongoing work and a more cohesive organizational structure.

A multi-stage plan for organizing on the campaign finance issue is proposed. In phase one, the project's initial organizational structure would resemble the spokes of a wheel, with the League and other citizen education groups at the hub and individual special interest networks represented by the spokes. Where advocacy networks already exist, the League will offer support by providing speakers, discussion guides, the recently produced videotape on campaign finance reform in Illinois and other educational materials geared to increasing awareness and understanding of the role campaign dollars play in Springfield policy making. Additional activities may include focus groups, a media campaign, in-district activities with constituents and elected officials, campaign and reporting analysis, and canvassing.

Where there is no central network or coalition dedicated to advancing a particular interest, the League and/or partner groups from the citizen education network will facilitate appropriate opportunities for representatives to meet and discuss how campaign finance affects their own agenda. Surveys and interviews will not only provide feedback to the project, but also will encourage

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK . . .

advocates to assess for themselves the direct and indirect impact of campaign contributions on their agenda. This process will reinforce the linkages that exist between each organization's mission and the broader campaign finance reform issue. The goal of the initial phase of the project would be to increase awareness of the need for better campaigns and more constructive policy decisions in Springfield.

In the second phase of the project, the individual networks would be encouraged to form linkages and partnerships geared to influence campaign finance issues. Phase 2 would culminate in a campaign finance reform "summit" where interest groups could share their views on political fundraising, its effects on campaigns and the resulting power system in Springfield. This information exchange would be the basis for a consensus on broad principles to which a diverse array of participants can agree.

Beginning in phase one, a blue-ribbon advisory committee composed of individuals with solid commitment to campaign finance reform will provide practical insights and objectivity to the citizen education network groups as they conduct the educational outreach and grassroots activities that serve to move the project forward. In some cases, these individuals may assist in network outreach and recruitment as various interest groups coalesce around the issue. Advisory group leadership will also facilitate participation in the process by helping the interest blocs to coalesce around the issue of campaign finance reform. The larger network's initial shape and credibility will largely stem from its advisory group.

The initial steps to implement this staged plan will be under the administrative and fiscal management of the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund. The League will convene members of the citizen education network and work with them to conduct the outreach activities aimed at specific interest blocs. Initial sessions will be facilitated by an individual trained in group process and design. As the group matures and moves toward effective self-management, the facilitator will replace direct involvement with appropriate interventions targeted to specific situations as they arise. A one year time table for assessing the ability of

the network to manage activities, recruit members and develop support will determine whether it is appropriate to establish a formal leadership structure, mission statement and strategic plan tied to additional funding for ongoing activities.

The planning and development of a statewide "Campaign Finance Reform Summit" is recommended as the culmination of the citizen education network's recruiting and organizing strategy and the launching of an activist coalition. Organizing this conference would provide the group with focus and purpose, while they are formalizing their identity and structure. This forum would provide an opportunity to involve key civic and governmental leaders in the discourse on campaign finance. This summit provides an opportunity to not only keep this issue in the public eye, but also to elevate it as an election '98 issue. This high-profile statewide summit meeting will provide an opportunity for consensus building and action planning on the campaign finance issue. Slated for spring-1998, participants will consider the effectiveness of legislative solutions to date and attempt to refocus and broaden discussion on this issue. The outcome of this summit will set the outreach and advocacy agenda for the campaign finance task force for the coming year.

The citizen's education network would benefit greatly from the expertise and resources of a campaign finance analyst. An ongoing contractual relationship with such a specialist will ensure that existing research is maintained, built upon and used to maximum advantage. Having access to this level of technical expertise will allow the citizen education network to produce credible, analytic materials and be viewed as a resource from the outset. Taking time out for review of the issues and concerns raised by the public and policy makers assures accuracy and credibility, as well as builds consensus. A relationship with a researcher and analyst will provide the group with a source of allow analysis early fundraising and expenditure data for the 1998 Illinois elections.

Early consideration should also be given to message definition and development. It is critically important to stop fueling the public's cynicism and disconnect on this issue. Interest groups and the public both should be approached with a message that implies that campaign finance is an

understandable and solvable issue. Professionally led and analyzed focus groups may offer insights on how different segments of the public perceive this issue. A modest investment in communications planning should be made at the outset, to allow the citizen education network to consider substantive strategies and have an effective mechanism for further outreach.

A network of this type must have experienced staff with a general understanding of the campaign finance issues. The key skills needed are in the areas of recruitment, education and communications. Utilizing a facilitator, the network will try to reach consensus on direction and key decisions, although at least initially the League will oversee day-to-day management of the group. Network partners will work with staff to recruit and retain members as the coalition emerges.

Simply recognizing that problems exist is an important first step, but to effect real policy change it is essential to offer practical solutions. The citizen education network will provide community leader from diverse segments of the community with the background and the forum to develop a shared set of principles and implementation steps to make measurable improvements in campaign finance practices in Illinois.

Achievable goals and practical strategies to implement them are the hallmarks of effective advocacy. Campaign finance reform is a complex problem in Illinois that requires a long-term commitment through a variety of action strategies. The process outlined above is a building process that will build broad-based commitment and unite ordinary citizens, activists and community leaders in a thoughtful and positive process for bulking effective campaign finance reform in Illinois.

Despite difficulties that may be inherent in organizing around this issue in Illinois, the League recognizes that the civic health of Illinois is in no small part dependent upon improving campaign finance practices and elevating public trust and confidence in the system. This issue is simply too important to set aside until the organizing climate improves. The League recommends that every effort be made to facilitate the organizing process and support efforts that promote public understanding and action on this issue.



## Membership Information and Opportunities

### Great Decisions Discusses Global Cyberterrorism in May - Don't Miss It!

The League and the AAUW cosponsor a "Great Decisions" discussion group using materials provided by the Foreign Policy Association. The group meets every second Friday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 from February through July and in September and October. The May meeting will be held at Diane Lloyd's, 500 College Road, Lake Forest. Topics for the five remaining 1997 sessions are listed below. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Diane Lloyd, 615-9182 or Betty Buker, 234-4509.

May 9	Terrorism and Crime: A More Dangerous World
June 13	European Integration: What Impact on the U.S.?
July 11	Environmental Threats to Stability: The Role of Rapid Population Growth
September 12	Middle East: Peace and the Changing Political Order
October 10	Globalization: Workplace Winners and Losers



### From the League Mailbox . .

Anne Cear, Voter Service chair, received the following letters after the March Candidates Forum for Village of Lake Bluff Trustees:

"Dear Anne,

I would like to thank you, Susan, and the League of Women Voters for organizing the Candidate Forum on Wednesday, March 19, 1997. It was a pleasure to participate in the Forum.

Please express my appreciation to Mary Claire Briggs for compiling the Voters' Guide, and also to Bridget Hutchen for moderating the Candidate Forum.

Sincerely, Terry C. Kreiss"

"Dear Anne,

Just a short message of appreciation for sponsoring the recent Candidates' Forum for the Lake Bluff Village Trustee election. Your initiative in conducting the program is an excellent public service to the community.

The format provided all of us with the opportunity to speak on a wide range of issues facing the village, and to express our views concerning important priorities for future action. I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

Please extend my thanks to your committee members for the excellent work on behalf of the voters.

Sincerely, David A. McEvain"

### From the LWV Lake County . .

LWVLC Biennial Convention

May 28, 1997

Lamps Farm, Libertyville

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME dinner buffet

Reservation deadline: May 14

Send checks payable to LWVLC to:

Mary Kaiser, 1403 Woodland Drive, Deerfield, IL 60015



# Dates to Remember

- May**
- 9 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Diane Lloyd's
  - 9 Dinner reservation deadline for Annual Meeting
  - 14 LWV-LF/LB Annual Meeting at the home of Bea Mueller
  - 14 Reservation deadline for LWVLC Biennial Convention
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- June**
- 13 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- July**
- 4 Voter Registration at Artesian Park, Lake Bluff
  - 11 Great Decisions Discussion, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- August**
- 5 Set up for Kids 1st Health Fair, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  - 6 KIDS 1st HEALTH FAIR, Waukegan High School



Char Kreuz  
35 Warrington Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

1997  
Annual Meeting  
May 14, 1997 - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Reservation Deadline: May 9



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*Thank you!*

*Members of the League extend their appreciation to Bea Mueller who hosted the annual meeting at her home on May 14th. Bea is a long-time league member and supporter. Thank you, Bea, it was a wonderful evening!*



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Carol Gilbert 295-4044

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Liese Kant 295-1415

## Resources

Mary LaneMathews 295-1494

## Voter Registration

Char Kreuz 295-3427

## 1997 Annual Meeting

Officers were elected and programs for 1997-98 were selected at the Annual Meeting on May 14.

Susan Garrett remains president of the League. Vice Presidents are Peg Heldring and Mary Claire Briggs. Mary Jane Wolter has accepted the position of secretary and Ann Hollis remains as treasurer. (The directors are listed to the left).

Program items selected by the League may involve study and review of past positions, study and formation of new positions, and/or action on existing positions. The League maintains four positions with regard to Lake Bluff, supporting a comprehensive plan, conservation of natural resources, monitoring of land use west of West Terrace and the coordination of nominating systems within the village.

In Lake Forest the League supports improved preschool programs, the development of additional recreation programs and facilities, adherence to state and federal policies to reduce and recycle solid waste on a regional basis and the adoption of a number of operating policies by the Lake Forest Caucus.

The board wishes to make residents aware of their decision to provide candidate forums for uncontested elections, excluding township supervisor, state representative and state senate races.

The League will continue to provide candidate forums for contested municipal, school board and park board elections, informational forums on proposed local referendum and round table discussions and local issues.

In May the League called for a comprehensive Lake Forest census and the City Council voted to conduct such a census to gain a better understanding of population trends. During the coming year the League plans to maintain its interest in the impact of growth on Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood.

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## Letter from the President



Dear Members,

After the Knollwood annexation debate, some citizens from each side of the issue expressed concern regarding the behaviors and comments at the annexation meetings and forums. Because of the Knollwood annexation debate as well as many other issues, the debate has now moved on to the implementation of a code of conduct for civil discourse in both Lake Bluff and Lake Forest. The code would provide guidelines for local officials and citizens to deal with one another and promote civil discourse. A "round table" discussion group has been formed, comprised of city officials from both communities.

I was invited to represent the League last spring at one of the discussions. My response to a code of conduct then included letting the citizenry play a role in developing such a code, if, in fact, a code is deemed necessary. My concern is that a code will be established and the citizens will not have had an opportunity to participate in the authoring of it. Without their participation there will be no investment, and therefore little support.

However, the larger question may be, is a code of conduct necessary? City officials say that the main reason for establishing a code is that our elected and appointed officials (all of which are volunteers) are sometimes treated in a disrespectful and uncivilized manner. The Lake Forester, June 12th issue, published an article, "Officials want a more civil discourse." From that article I have listed the reasons, as stated by some members of the Roundtable, as to the rationale for supporting a proposed code of conduct:

"Some residents bring up the same issues week after week - that itself is not appropriate behavior."

The code of conduct "takes the personal element out of issues."

"Some of the comments and assertions that have been directed at public officials have been out of line. This [code of conduct] is a chance to reinforce positive attitudes, influence how people react."

You may or may not agree with these comments, or my opinion. Yet your opinions are important. I want you to share your thoughts and help to determine how the League can make a contribution to this issue. Your input will provide a basis for a guideline under the League umbrella. We will move forward with consensus, not individual names. Fax your comments to me at 295-4515, or call me at 295-4001. I want to be sure that the League takes advantage of the opportunity to weigh in on this issue. Most importantly we want to ensure that citizen input, which is essential to the democratic process, is included in the discussion.

Have a great summer.

## Making Democracy Work...

*The following letter was sent to the Lake Forester in mid June:*



### League of Women Voters Lake Forest • Lake Bluff

#### "LETTER TO THE EDITOR"

Plans are underway by the Lake Bluff Park District to bring a referendum to issue \$5.9 million in bonds for a community center to Lake Bluff and Knollwood voters in November. A similar referendum was narrowly defeated in April.

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff does not now hold a position on this referendum nor does the League intend to take a stand on the merits of a community center. Assuming that the referendum will be on the ballot in November, the League will provide a public forum for debate on the issue prior to the election.

In the interim, we have asked the Park District commissioners and general manager to provide opportunities for citizen input and for information dissemination through all available channels, including a well-publicized midsummer district wide planning meeting, cablecasts, the local press, direct mailings, neighborhood coffees and any other means available to give voters the broad fact base necessary for an informed vote. Full and accurate disclosure about site plans, traffic, potential uses, costs for the Center and property tax increases is essential for an informed electorate.

On the other hand, we urge citizens to contribute to the planning process by seeking information, asking questions, attending meetings, and voicing opinions before final plans are formalized. It is through broad-based citizen involvement that public needs will be met.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to encourage informed citizen participation in government. The League educates citizens about public issues, observes governing bodies, and provides information to voters.

Susan Garrett, President

Mary Claire Briggs,  
Voter Service Chair

League of Women Voters of  
Lake Forest - Lake Bluff



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"May 8, 1997

To Lake Forest City Officials

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff is interested in the population growth and demographic trends in Lake Forest because we believe that the City has likely grown at a rapid rate and that the future and final development of Lake Forest can be best served by a complete set of facts profiling the community. Relevant facts can best be obtained through a comprehensive special census.

The League is supportive of the City's recommendation to initiate a special census. We understand that the City is considering whether or not to conduct a comprehensive census (covering the entire population of Lake Forest) or a partial census (covering assumed high-growth tracts of Lake Forest) and will discuss these alternatives at the May 15th City Council meeting. Even though the cost is lower for a partial census (\$45,000 vs \$85,000), we suggest the City go forward with a comprehensive census for the following reasons:

- A comprehensive census will provide an accurate count of the entire population of Lake Forest, while the partial census will only provide data on specific areas of the City which may or may not be where growth has taken place.
- A comprehensive census will provide demographic data on our entire community population enabling City and School officials to plan confidently for school/student classroom needs. This is especially important now as School Districts 67 and 115 plan the use of West Campus and consider the possibility of building additional classrooms or a new school and as preschool needs are being reviewed.
- A comprehensive census will point out local population shifts. These facts will be extremely useful when evaluating the viability of proposed business districts as well as possible locations for new schools or public parks; assessing the number of new families with young children; and determining potential needs for affordable housing in our community.

While the cost associated with a partial census will certainly be lower, the benefits of a comprehensive census will provide information that will greatly assist in making the critical long-term decisions that will affect the community for decades. As Lake Forest prepares to develop the last available parcels of land, we cannot afford to make decisions based on flawed assumptions.

We also understand that the up front costs for conducting a comprehensive census will be paid back in the first year. The City will immediately generate additional tax revenue from the state that will more than offset the initial cost. In subsequent years the City will generate approximately \$150,000 in added revenue per year for the comprehensive census versus \$72,000 for a partial census.

The League strongly urges the City to go forward with a comprehensive special census.

Sincerely,  
Susan Garrett"

*In May, Lake Forest City Council voted to conduct a comprehensive census beginning in summer 1997.*

## League of Women Voters Illinois Biennial Convention 1997

*Ed. note. This report was compiled from information in Illinois Voter and the LWVWKN Newsletter*



League members from all corners of the state congregated in Peoria, Illinois from May 16 - May 18 for the 48th state convention. Business matters included the adoption of bylaws, lobbyist's report, report of the President, Sue Calder, Treasurer's report and nomination and election of officers and Directors.

Lake County and DeKalb County each were presented with Making a Difference awards for their Kid's First Health Fairs. Lake County initiated the first in 1993. Both Leagues worked with local health departments, medical and dental personnel, social service agencies, local businesses and media to set up screenings. School supplies were also dispensed for children entering grade school.

Homages were paid to Grace Mary Stern (LWVHP), whose award for public service was accepted by Betsy Lassar, who delivered a gently rustling rendition of Grace Mary's Congressional rhapsody; to the law firm of Meites, Frackman and Burgen which had successfully represented the League *pro bono* in the Motor Voter litigation against the State; and to Carol Teitan and Mardelle Grundlach. Nancy Kaszak, a past Illinois State Representative delivered a moving and bittersweet speech on her career, her tenure as Representative (1992-1996), and her unsuccessful run Congress.

Other Convention highlights: sharing Holiday Inn's sluggish elevators with Lions' Conventioneers, walking along Peoria's renovated river front, and seeing there the Louie-Louie fest and Harley Davidson motorcycle brigade, tasting Peoria's home brewed raspberry beer, and driving home with fellow Leaguers and discussing local League issues, recipes, vacations, families...in the words of Julie Andrews..."getting to know you, getting to know all about you..."

### New 1997-99 LWVIL Officers

President	Jan Flapan	Chicago
Vice President	Jane Barns	Naperville
Vice President	Barbara Lippai	Highland Park
Vice President	Marcia McConnell	Homewood/Flossmoor
		Palos/Orland

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Director	Carla Hillman	Kewanee
Director	Barbara Marsh	Glenview
Director	Doris Pierce	Homewood/Flossmoor
Director	Sally Rudolph	McLean County

### Two Action Focuses Adopted:

**Making Democracy Work:** Promote efforts to create healthier communities through strengthening citizen participation and confidence in government, with an emphasis on reforming campaign finance.

**Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children:** Promote efforts to prevent violence, in all forms, in the lives of children.

### New Positions:

**Income Assistance:** Support for income assistance and supportive services for all low-income individuals and families.

LWVIL believes that the federal government should bear primary responsibility for financing programs designed to meet the basic needs of individuals and families. LWVIL supports secondary state funding for income assistance and supportive services requires: the recruitment, retention and training of sufficient numbers of qualified personnel; clear guidelines for responsibility; adequate information systems; and program evaluation.

**Development Impact Fees:** Support for state legislation that addresses development fees for capital improvements.

LWVIL supports legislation at the state level regarding development impact fees. It is appropriate for such legislation to address fees for capital expenditures for schools, libraries, parks/open space, transportation, utilities, and emergency services. Such legislation should be enabling only, not directive. Only municipalities and counties should have authority to assess development impact fees, and state guidelines should be adaptable to home rule and non-home rule communities. The test for validity of impact fees in Illinois should be "rational nexus" and not "specifically and uniquely attributable." Enabling legislation should strive to effect some standardization of impact fee programs statewide, with flexibility for each to be designed to meet local needs.





## From Our Mailbox

LNVLE/LB received this letter early in June.



"Dear Ms. Garrett,

Thank you for your thoughtful contribution to A Safe Place. We rely heavily on in-kind donations from the community, as well as financial support, to continue meeting the everyday needs of the women and children residing at A Safe Place.

Since our shelter doors opened in 1980, A Safe Place has provided a temporary sanctuary to women and children who must flee abusive situations in their own homes. Our six-week counseling and shelter program is a major first step for victim-survivors of domestic violence on the road to a safer, happier future.

Your spirit of giving, as much as your generosity, is truly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of the community that cares.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis A. DeMott  
Executive Director"

## Summer Action Checklist

- ✱ If you have comments regarding the proposed Code of Conduct (see page 3) contact Susan Garrett by fax (295-4515) or phone (295-4001).
- ✱ If you can help at the Kids 1st Health Fair on August 6 contact Sallie Hamm at 362-6993.
- ★ Mark your calendar on August 20 with the next board meeting.

\*\*\* And have a great summer! \*\*\*

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### 1997-98 Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 20	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, September 17	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, October 15	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, November 19	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, December 3*	9:30 am,	St. James Lutheran Church 1380 N. Waukegan Lake Forest
Wednesday, January 21	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, February 18	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, March 18	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, April 15	9:30 am,	Gorton
Wednesday, May 20	6:00 pm,	Annual Meeting

\* The December 3rd board meeting will precede our annual holiday luncheon.

*All meetings are open to the entire membership.*



Lake Forest - Lake Bluff League of Women Voters

# League Lines

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September 1997

*The League is hosting a*  
**"Legislative Update" Luncheon**

*Please join*  
**State Senator Terry Link (D)**  
*and*  
**State Representative Corrine Wood (R)**

*Thursday, September 18, 1997*  
*11:30 a.m.*  
*Southgate's Private Dining Room*

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 12th*  
*to Susan Garrett, 295-4001*  
*\$20.00 per person*  
*Guests are welcome; however space is limited*

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## Public Forum Announcement

Saturday, September 13, 1997  
Congressman John Porter will be at the  
Lake Bluff Middle School  
31 E. Sheridan Place from 10:00 am until noon.  
The forum is free.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

My message this month is pure and simple and straight from the heart: Please rejoice the League! As we get ready to begin preparing for candidate forums, nominations, elections, updates and other important issues, we must also work to maintain an active and healthy membership. Currently the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff League is one of the strongest in the State of Illinois. We must continue to stay strong.

As I looked through our Membership Directory I realized that our League is strong because of its diversity of membership. By diversity I mean "interests." We are fortunate to have so many elected and appointed officials among our members. These women lend their expertise and time to positions we take and exemplify professionalism in politics in the very best sense. And there are those who work outside our community, but continue to support our League because of its enthusiastic commitment to making democracy work at the grass roots level. Let's not forget about our past League presidents and board members. They continue to be active and care very much about our organization. Last year more new members joined than ever before. I'm pleased to say I know them all because they are in so many ways - from administration of candidate forums to creating policy positions for our current board.

In our own way, we are a family of dedicated people who have chosen to support the League because of our concern and passion for democracy. Whether you are active or not, we appreciate your continued recognition of what the League stands for. I hope you will all mail back your membership forms today and continue to remain members for years to come. Thank you Bev Adamczyk, Phyllis Albrecht, Lorraine Bach, Gertrude Barnett, Linda Bartmes, Mary Beattie, Prudence Beidler, Eleanor Beidler, Marsha Avery Belcher, Ann Brennan, Mary Claire Briggs, Jean Brown, Betty Boker, Sarabess Cahill, Claire Campbell, Mary Liz Carney, Mary Clark, Doris Cook, Anne Csar, Cheryl Derman, Lynn DeWulf, Christa Donnelly, Diane Driscoll, Paula DuBourdieu, Pamela Rodgers Eggert, Susan Engelhart, Susan Ernest, Katie Fagan, Adrianna Faifer, Abigail Fassnacht, Maureen Ferg, Sherry Fischer, Julia Fiske, Alice Flaherty, Virginia Frederick, Kathryn Friedberg, Bobbie Gallarda, Christie Gescheider, Carol Gilbert, Ann Grant, Judy Grisamore, Peg Hafner, Ann Hamlin, Nancy Hansen, Margaret Hart, Peg Heldring, Suzanne Henderson, Arlene Hickory, Linda Hinde, Joy Hodgen, Ann Hollis, Sue Hood, Gayle How, Bridget Hutchen, Linda Illes, Emily Jennings, Mary Barb Johnson, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Kaltsas, Maggie Kanakis, Liese Kant, Susan Kessler, Mary Ann Kiehl, Eleanor Knight, Janet Koran, Elizabeth Kress, Char Kreuz, Jill Lauer, Barbara Lee, Diane Lloyd, Arlene Loepp, Patricia Loftus, Catherine Lyczko, Margaret Magnuson, Cynthia Maloney, Mary Lane Mathews, Irene McCurry, Marie McHugh, Doris L. McKinven, Joann Meigs, Helen Melchior, Pauline Mohr, Cynthia Morehead, Chris Moses, Kimberly Moss, Beatrice Schuetz Mueller, Mary Jane Nugent, Megan Overby, Mary Parrilli, Elizabeth Peters, Alice Pierce, Marianne Plimi, Mrs. George Poole, Vera Purcell, Clouia P. Rath, Colleen Regan, Jeanie Rogalski, Joanna Rolek, Florence Louise Rome, Babs Rosenthal, Susan Rosner, Patricia Rounsaville, Melanie Rummel, Donna Marie Ryckman, Barbara Schmid, Janice Schnobrich, Irene Schultz, Peg Seichilli, Julia Shackelford, Neil Sherman, Janice Shields, Alice Sievert, Elaine Sloyton, Betty Snyderacker, Alma Steadman, Kathleen Stevenson, Joan Toole, Janet Ullmann, Audrey Vanderaa, Peg Warren, Georgia West, Dorothy Whalley, Linda Williams, Courtney Williams, Mary Jane Wolter, Roycealee Wood, Corinne Gieseke Wood, Theresia Yakes, Helen Yamine.

Sincerely,

*Susan*

P. S. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the League, please invite them to our Membership Luncheon on Thursday, October 2.

## Member News

### Recent Appointments go to League Members

A Safe Place, the Lake County domestic violence shelter, counseling and advocacy service, has appointed Roycalee Wood, Lake County Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools, to its Board of Directors. Congratulations to our long time member!

Congratulations to League board member, Linda Hinde, on her appointment to the Lake Bluff Planning Commission. She will serve the next four years, on what we are sure will be an interesting committee. We are confident Linda will do a superb job and we wish her the very best.

### State Rep Corinne Wood Recovers from Surgery

Although saddened to hear that League member, State Representative Corinne Wood (59th District), underwent surgery for breast cancer in July, the League salutes her courage to openly and publicly address this disease. Corinne plans to continue working just as hard in her official capacity in Springfield and Lake Forest. In fact, Corinne returned to work on August 4th (less than three weeks after surgery) and participated in the Lake Forest Day parade! Get well messages can be sent to her office at 191 E. Deerpath, Suite 103, Lake Forest.

## Membership Updates

Welcome to our newest member!

Vera Purcell  
1220 Longmeadow Lane  
Lake Forest.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member please extend an invitation to our

### FALL MEMBERS & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS LUNCHEON!

Thursday, October 2, 1997  
At the home of Arlene Loepf  
236 Buckminster Court  
Lake Bluff

RSVP to Linda Hinde, 295-5252 or Susan Garrett, 295-4001

All members are important to the continued success of the League. We could not provide all the forums and programs without your support. You should have received your membership registration in the mail. The renewal deadline for inclusion in the 1997/1998 directory is September 30. Don't delay, renew today. Thank you.

## LAKE FOREST - LAKE BLUFF LWV

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At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

All members receive *League Lines*.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

Transportation is a primary issue of emphasis for the '97-'99 LWVLC biennium. In conjunction with the issue here are some related events.

Saturday, September 27, 1997 - Conference: Suburban Growth: How Much is Enough?

8:45 am - 3:00 pm

College of Lake County

Building B Auditorium

Grayslake, Illinois

847 223-7178

Decisions are being made now that affect all of us in Lake County - decisions on zoning, flood plains, and transportation systems. This conference is designed to help us with this decision making process and to learn how others have managed growth, so that we can better manage this explosive growth in Lake County. Talks cover wetlands and flooding, cost of sprawl and responsible development by speakers from such institutions as Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Sierra Club.

Tuesday, October 7, 1997 - Meeting:

7:30 pm

Marge Blake's home, Gurnee

918-7625

Members interested in serving on a newly - formed LWVLC Committee on Transportation are invited to this organizational meeting. Call Marge Blake for details.

November 5, 1997 - Informational Forum:

7:30 pm

Gorton Community Center

TRANSPORTATION. J. Barry Hokanson, Director of Lake County Planning and Development will be the speaker. Bring your questions and concerns and invite an interested friend to attend with you.

## KIDS FIRST HEALTH FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

For the fifth year in a row, the Lake County League along with cosponsor, the Lake County Health Dept., chalked up another success with its annual Kids 1st Health Fair. Roughly 2,200 children from about 950 limited-income families received back-to-school physicals, screenings and immunizations as well as unlimited books and backpacks filled with school supplies. Shots notwithstanding, most kids left the Fair smiling thanks to entertainment, face-pointing, Ronald McDonald, games, Baxter bears, and a bike raffle.

It was a great day. Thanks to all the local volunteers who were among the 600 who made the event possible!



## Lake County Women's Coalition Third Annual Tea



### "A Toast to Women in the Musical Arts"

Sunday, October 5, 1997

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Country Squire  
Routes 120 and 45  
Grayslake, Illinois  
Donation - \$15.00

Reservation Deadline: September 26, 1997  
for more information call Virginia Szatkowski at  
847.234.1730 (w) or 847.566.7397 (h)

## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: CODE OF CONDUCT

### Members Respond to Code of Conduct

In the most recent issue of *League Lines* members were asked to give their opinion on a code for civil discourse in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Several responses came in, some of which we have listed. Overall, most of those who responded did not see a need for a code, and would prefer that one not be adopted. Some, however, indicated that there needs to be a less contentious environment for disagreement, both for residents and city officials. Here are some of the comments to date:

"I'm opposed to a code on the basis of principle. It is just one more barrier between citizens and elected officials"

"Why not uphold the First Amendment and adopt Robert's *Rules of Order* instead?"

"There definitely needs to be a more congenial way to express differences of opinion. As long as it does not infringe on a person's right to free speech, a code may be a good idea."

"There are far too many pressing issues such as population growth, academic improvement in our schools and astute use of taxpayer's money that beg to be resolved. Let's not get distracted by a taxpayer code of ethics. Let the elected officials create their own code of ethics and stick by it."

"Why should we have laws to make people more civil?"

"Having a civil discourse can only be positive. As long as people don't feel restricted and intimidated by a code, I think it is a good idea."

"We shouldn't be writing codes for a very small minority that affect the majority."

"The phrase, 'Go away...the Mighty Oz has spoken!' should never come to the mind of a resident addressing a public body in our communities."

If you want to share your opinion on this issue, call Susan Garrett at 295-4001, or fax her at 295-4515.

## CITY OF LAKE FOREST SPECIAL CENSUS

### *League Members Needed!*

In May of this year the City council authorized the U. S. Department of Commerce to conduct a special census. Given the significant population increase since the 1990 census, Lake Forest's municipal share of state income and motor tax revenue will grow based on the increased population.

The City has entered into a contract with the Census Bureau and is waiting for confirmation on when the project will begin. The actual census will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete and should take place towards the end of this year.

Your help is needed! The City must recruit census takers to go door to door to collect information about each member of the household. The hours are flexible (between 6 and 8 hours a day), and census takers can earn \$8.00 an hour. These individuals will wear official Census Bureau identification tags so that they can be easily recognized.

If you are willing to serve your community in this way or know another resident who may be interested, please contact Rosemary Haack at the Lake Forest City Hall at 615-4274.

## LWVIL-ACTION: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Illinois remains among the minority of states with no limits on contributions, no restrictions on who may contribute, and no limits on what candidates do with the contributions which they receive. Bills relating to campaign finance, lobbying and ethics were introduced in the spring session of the General Assembly only one bill (HB729) passed both houses and was sent to the governor for his signature. This bill makes campaign finance reports more accessible and allows the reports to be reviewed anonymously. If the governor signs this bill it will be minimal but important reform.

All Illinois Leagues are fortunate to have available the excellent materials produced by the Illinois Campaign Task Force, a project of ILLINOIS ISSUES and the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Illinois Springfield. The Task Force analyzed campaign expenditures in legislative and statewide races in the 1994 election cycle. Among the important findings are the results of a scientific poll which reveals great concern on the part of Illinois residents about campaign finance issues. The findings also reveal the cost of Illinois elections is growing, that special interest and corporations are major campaign contributors, and that gambling interests is one of the fastest growing special interest contributors. The publications of the Task Force include separate reports for each of four regions in the state as well as a final report which includes recommendations for reform.

**Final Report: TAINTED DEMOCRACY: HOW MONEY DISTORTS THE ELECTION PROCESS IN ILLINOIS AND WHAT MUST BE DONE TO REFORM THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM.**

For your free copy (of the final report, or information on the regional reports), write or call: Ed Wajcicki, Project Director, c/o ILLINOIS ISSUES magazine, Springfield, IL 62794-9243, (217) 786-6084, wajcicki@uis.edu

## LWVIL - SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

### 1997 LWVIL FALL WORKSHOP

Providing Assistance to Local Leagues in an Exciting Format

Glenview - Wednesday, October 8, 9am - 2pm  
(child care availability TBA after September 10)

9:00 - Registration (coffee, networking, sales)

9:30 - General Session - The League in the Marketplace: Selling Our Strengths

10:30 - Workshops (choose one)

A) Membership: Creating Your League's Marketing Plan

B) Making Democracy Work

C) Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

D) Campaign Finance Reform

11:45 - Lunch and Networking Opportunities

12:45 - Workshops (repeated) (choose one)

2:00 - Adjourn

Cost (includes meals): \$21.00 per person up to 10 days before the meeting; after that, \$26.00.

Call Susan Garrett (295-4001) if you are interested in attending. Bring a friend!

### 1997 Illinois Government 201:

A Community Leadership and Action Seminar

September 20, 1997

The Egan Urban Center

DePaul University

243 S. Wabash

Chicago, IL

9:00 - Registration, Coffee and Welcome

9:30 - Workshops (choose one)

A) Building Diversity: A New Cast on Coalitions

B) Legitimate Lobbying: What a 501(c)(3) Needs to Know

C) Marketing and Media: Getting Your Issues in Front of the Public

D) Working the System: Influencing the Legislative Process

10:50 - Workshops (repeated)

12:10 - Luncheon & Speaker - "Politics: Playing a Contact Sport" - Nancy Kaszak

1:30 - Networking

2:00 - Adjourn

Registration deadline is September 10, 1997. Call LWVIL at 312/939-5935 ext. 33 for registration and cost information.



## GREAT DECISIONS...

What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

When: 2nd Fridays at 1:00 pm

Where: Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Av., Lake Forest



Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by LFLBLWV and the American Association of University Women to discuss topics of the Foreign Policy Association Study Guide.

September 12: MIDDLE EAST: Peace and the Changing Order

October 10: GLOBALIZATION: Workplace Winners and Losers

*After October, an interval will occur until February when the 1998 Study Guide will be available.*

## FROM OUR MAILBOX



*July 10, 1997*

*Dear League of Women Voters,  
Thank you for sponsoring the Social Studies award at Lake  
Bluff Middle School. I appreciate the honor and the book is  
such a great idea. Politics and the history of our government  
interests and intrigues me very much and I'm sure I'll enjoy reading  
it. Thank you once more for all your support of the young  
people in our community.*

*Sincerely,  
Katherine Oanson*

## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

We will list books with a political twist that our League members have recommended. Please call your picks to Susan Garrett, 295-4001.



***A Civil Action***, by Jonathan Harr. A lawsuit brought by Massachusetts' householders against industrial polluters. Nonfiction, paperback. Soon to be a movie.

***The Tenth Justice***, by Brad Meltzer. A conscientious Supreme Court clerk is suspiciously tapped for inside information on Supreme Court decisions. Fiction, hardcover.

***The Choice - How Clinton Won***, by Bob Woodward. Reveals how political money, public opinion polling, attack advertising, handlers, consultants and staff drive presidential politics. Nonfiction, paper.

Next month: Dates of Candidate Forums for the November Election!

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### Dates to Remember

#### September

- 12-13 Voter Registration at the Book Sale, Market Square
- 12 Great Decisions: MIDDLE EAST, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 13 Public Forum: Congressman John Porter, Lake Bluff Middle School, 10:00 am
- 17 Board Member Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- 18 Legislative Update Luncheon, Southgate Cafe, 11:30 am
- 19 Deadline for October League Lines
- 20 Seminar: Illinois Government 201, DePaul University, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 27 Conference: Suburban Growth, College of Lake County, 8:45 am to 3:00 pm
- 30 1997/1998 LFLBLWV Directory Deadline

#### October

- 2 Fall Members and Prospective Members Luncheon at the home of Arlene Loepp
- 5 Lake County Women's Coalition 3rd Annual Tea, Country Squire, Grayslake, 1:00 pm
- 7 LWVLC Transportation Meeting, Gurnee, 7:30 pm
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## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS

Lake Forest Community High School  
District #115

October 16th 7:00-9:00 pm  
Gorton Community Center  
Channel 17 LIVE!

Candidates: John Katsas, Ed Holstein, Karl  
Snoblin, Anne McNulty, Janet Miller, Jay Whipple

Lake Bluff Elementary School  
District #65

October 22nd 7:00-9:00 pm  
Lake Bluff Middle School  
Channel 19 LIVE!

Candidates: Sally Eggan, Daniel O'Connell,  
Stephanie Kearney, Marjorie Marrichi, Judy  
Engel, Kathy Olinas, David Lee

Lake Forest Elementary School District #67

October 29th 7:00-8:30 pm, Gorton Community Center  
Channel 19 LIVE!

Candidates: Kenneth Hachikian, William Vernon, Sharon Golan, Charles Hoffman

*Lake Bluff Park District Community  
Center Informational Forum  
to be held October 9.*

*See page 3 for details.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

October will certainly be one of our busiest months of the year. In addition to our annual luncheon for members and prospective members on **October 2nd**, we have scheduled three school board candidate forums, (**October 16th, 22nd, and 29th**, see the front page for details), as well as an informational forum on **October 9th** regarding the Lake Bluff Park District community center referendum. And, as promised, for the first time, the League will be providing forums for uncontested elections, which will initially include the District 67 school board elections.

Each forum will be cablecast live and later replayed prior to the elections Tuesday, November 4th. In our effort to inform our communities, we will provide access to residents who cannot attend the forums. Also for the first time, viewers will have an opportunity to call their questions in (instructions will be posted on the channel 19 TV screen) and have their questions asked live to school board candidates. As you can see, we are committed to reach as many people as possible, allowing full participation in the election process.

League Voter Service Chair, Mary Claire Briggs and Cable Coordinator Alice Flaherty, are responsible for putting all of this together. League members should be proud of Mary Claire and Alice's commitment and dedication of ensuring the most inclusive format for the school board candidate forums. School-related issues which are so important to our communities, will be clearly communicated to more people than ever before. We are doing our best to make democracy work!

*Heon*



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**INFORMATIONAL FORUM**

*In addition to seeing choices on the ballot for the School Board, on November 4th voters of Lake Bluff and Knollwood will find the following referendum concerning a Lake Bluff Park District Community Center on their ballots:*

Shall the Lake Bluff Park District, Lake County, Illinois, issue general obligation bonds to the amount of \$5,900,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping a community center, the revenue source to be used to pay the principal of and interest on such alternate bonds being the proceeds to be received from the issuance from time to time of the District's general obligation bonds or notes and such other funds of the District lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose?

*LWVLF/LB is conducting an information forum on*

**THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER**

October 9, 1997

7:00 - 9:00 pm

at West School

Cablecast live on Channel 19

*Questions will be honored from the audience. If you are unable to attend, but have a specific question about the proposed community center submit it to Susan Garrett at 295-4001.*

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST SPECIAL CENSUS****Census Update**

The city of Lake Forest is in the process of planning the census which the City Council authorized in May. The dates of the census are still being negotiated with the Census Bureau and it seems likely that the census will take place within the last couple months of this year.

The actual census will take about three to four weeks to complete. The City is looking for a pool of about 120 candidates from which to select about 40 census takers. The hours are flexible (between 6 and 8 hours a day), and census takers can earn \$8.00 an hour. These individuals will wear official Census Bureau identification tags so that they can be easily recognized.

If you are willing to serve your community in this way or know another resident who may be interested, please contact Rosemary Haack at the Lake Forest City Hall at 615-4274.

## LWV LF/LB PROGRAMS

### Legislative Update Luncheon a Success *Written by Elaine Slayton*

State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Corrine G. Wood spoke to a full house at the September 18th Legislative Luncheon in Southgate Cafe's Woods Room. Each representative gave his or her recap of the Spring Session in Springfield, along with their predictions and hopes for the upcoming Veto Session. Their remarks were followed by open questions from luncheon guests, who included League members, community leaders, and interested citizens.

Terry Link said that he was disappointed that a bill to deregulate electrical companies in Illinois which he considers a "hot issue", didn't get heard until close to adjournment. It ended up in the Rules Committee in the Senate, also known as the "graveyard". He predicted that this important issue will come up in the Veto Session, and in the future. He also discussed Campaign Finance Reform as a very important issue, saying that we "need true Campaign Finance Reform" and that what was presented in Springfield did not qualify. He talked specifically about how the meaning of "campaign related funds" is stretched by many to include, for example, country club memberships. Terry is particularly proud that, as a minority Democrat in the Senate, he cosponsored the "Domestic Violence Bill" which was signed into law. This bill allows for evidence of prior domestic violence offenses to be admitted into current trials against offenders.

Corrine Wood is optimistic that Education Funding Reform will be brought up again, despite the fact that it was defeated in the Senate in the spring. She said that most legislators did agree on certain key issues, including a minimum foundation level and real academic reforms, but that the problem was in addressing the funding gaps which would result in the proposed changes to taxation and funding. She was also happy to announce that Congress did agree on a balanced budget, which included \$330 million in additional funds for elementary and secondary education, with no additional taxes. She talked about the importance of Welfare Reform and the need to provide, among other things, reliable and affordable child care for mothers returning to the work force. As a member of the "Committee of Women Legislators", she helped secure an additional \$100 million to this end. In addition, Senate Bill 950, which Corrine sponsored and which was signed into law, provides for a graduated drivers license to ensure that teens have more practice time behind the wheel before getting their licenses. It also calls for stricter penalties for traffic violations.

When asked by a member of the audience about their experiences as freshmen legislators, Terry Link commented on the differences between downstate and his district. He related a funny story in which another member of the Agricultural Committee mistakenly thought Conway Farms in Lake Forest was an actual farm. Corrine Wood talked about her first time pushing the voting buttons on her desk, and how she felt the honor and importance of the responsibility.

League members and guests thought the program was informative and worthwhile.

### 1997-1998 PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

We'd like to know! What program ideas do you have for this year?

Your name and telephone number:

Please clip and send to: Elaine Slayton, 811 Larchmont Lane, Lake Forest 60045

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

There is still time to invite someone who may like to  
learn more about the League to our

**FALL MEMBERS & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS LUNCHEON!**

Thursday, October 2, 1997  
11.30 am

At the home of Arlene Loepp  
236 Buckminster Court  
Lake Bluff

RSVP to Linda Hinde, 295-5252 or Susan Garrett, 295-4001

**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW MEMBERS!**

Barbara Brennan  
363 Wisconsin Avenue  
Lake Forest

Judy Engel  
29668 Environ Circle  
Lake Bluff

Lisa Krimen  
770 Greenview Place  
Lake Forest

Jane Partridge  
1799 Farm Road  
Lake Forest

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES****AT THE STATE LEVEL COMMITTEES  
LOOK FOR IDEA AND ACTION PEOPLE**

The following state League committees are gearing up for action. Join a committee to use and to hone your present skills or to learn new ones. Take back what you learn to your local League. Call Stacey Patricoski to volunteer (312) 939-5935 ext. 33 or fax her at (312) 939-6887

- ☆ Making Democracy Work
- ☆ Campaign Finance
- ☆ Breaking the Cycle of Violence
- ☆ Election Law Position Review
- ☆ Membership
- ☆ Development
- ☆ Technology

At the local (Lake Bluff/Lake Forest) level, October is one of our busiest months. We are orchestrating four forums. If you are interested in assisting contact Mary Claire Briggs at 615-8661 or Susan Garrett at 295-4001.

***Don't forget: LWV LF/LB Directory Deadline is September 30.***

All members are important to the continued success of the League. We could not provide all the forums and programs without your support. You should have received your membership registration in the mail. The renewal deadline for inclusion in the 1997/1998 directory is September 30. Don't delay, renew today. Thank you.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY

Transportation is a primary issue of emphasis for the '97-'99 LWVLC biennium. In conjunction with the issue here are some related events:

Tuesday, October 7, 1997 - Meeting:  
7:30 pm  
Marge Blake's home, Gurnee  
918-7625

Members interested in serving on a newly - formed LWVLC Committee on Transportation are invited to this organizational meeting. Call Marge Blake for details.

November 5, 1997 - Informational Forum:  
7:30 pm  
Gorton Community Center

TRANSPORTATION. J. Barry Hokanson, Director of Lake County Planning and Development will be the speaker. Bring your questions and concerns and invite an interested friend to attend with you.



### Lake County Women's Coalition Third Annual Tea

#### *"A Toast to Women in the Musical Arts"*

Sunday, October 5, 1997

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Country Squire

Routes 120 and 45

Grayslake, Illinois

Donation - \$15.00

For more information call Virginia Szatkowski at  
847.234.1730 (w) or 847.566.7397 (h)

## FORUM ON VIOLENCE

Saturday, November 1, 1997

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

at the College of Lake County:

### "FAMILIES MATTER: Violence Intervention/Prevention"

This Saturday Forum is made up of speakers, talks, and small discussion groups. Topics include youth peace, kid power, self defense, communication skills, alleviating stress with humor, family resources media violence solutions, and conflict resolution.

Last year's small discussion groups were a terrific success. The group Youth Peace was formed from the group.

*Teenagers Welcome!*



## GREAT DECISIONS...

What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

When: 2nd Fridays at 1:00 pm

Where: Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Av., Lake Forest



Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by LWVLF/LB and the American Association of University Women to discuss topics of the Foreign Policy Association Study Guide.

October 10: GLOBALIZATION: Workplace Winners and Losers

*After October, an interval will occur until February when the 1998 Study Guide will be available.*

## LWVIL - SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

### 1997 LWVIL FALL WORKSHOP

*In response to local League surveys and programs adopted by delegates at the biennial convention, LWVIL has planned an exciting Fall Workshop promising to be of great assistance to local Leagues.*

Glenview - Wednesday, October 8, 9am - 2pm  
(child care availability TBA after September 10)

9:00 - Registration (coffee, networking, sales)

9:30 - General Session - The League in the Marketplace: Selling Our Strengths

10:30 - Workshops (choose one)

- A) Membership: Creating Your League's Marketing Plan
- B) Making Democracy Work
- C) Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children
- D) Campaign Finance Reform

11:45 - Lunch and Networking Opportunities

12:45 - Workshops (repeated) (choose one)

2:00 - Adjourn

Cost (includes meals): \$21.00 per person up to 10 days before the meeting;  
after that, \$26.00.

*Call Susan Garrett (295-4001) if you are interested in attending.*

*\*\*\*Bring a friend\*\*\**

# INSIDE! Candidate Forum Details

League of Women Voters  
of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff  
Gorton Community Center  
400 East Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045



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## Dates to Remember

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAKE FOREST & LAKE BLUFF SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

*Meet Elizabeth I and her mother Anne Boleyn, when **Barbara Rinella**  
reviews their lives, their loves and their quest for power...*

*Based on the book, The Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn by Robin Maxwell*



**Wednesday, December 3, 1997  
11:30 am**

St. James Lutheran Church  
1380 N. Waukegan Road  
Lake Forest

**Catered luncheon will be served  
\$20.00 per person**



RSVP by November 24 to Carol Gilbert, 295-4044  
Babysitting available by reservation only

Confirm your reservation by sending a check in advance payable to:  
LWV LF/LB, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members:

High School District 115 has experienced only a few contested elections in its history. As we know, this most recent race was contested (six candidates running for four positions), and two important issues became a focus for discussion and debate. First, that some of the candidates embrace different philosophies and direction for the future of District 115, and second, community representation (for the high school district) is a concern to some voters and some candidates.

Personally, I find the debate of these issues to be extremely helpful and healthy. Never before have we, as a combined community, had to come to grips with such a significant and complex issue via an election. We were asked as voters to evaluate candidates based on their educational perspective and qualifications. In addition, some asked us to take into consideration a candidate's personal commitment to a particular community within the District.

The election law requires the election (of board members) to be "at large". This means that board members are not representing subdivided constituencies within the communities. Perhaps more importantly, election of board members "at large" implies a commitment by those elected to represent all the citizens of the District, without bias.

However, as we know, the tradition of "equal representation" on the District 115 board has been in place for decades. In the past, a "gentlemen's agreement" allowed four board members to be elected from Lake Forest, two members from Lake Bluff and one member from Knollwood. Voters, for the first time on November 4th, had an opportunity to vote for the candidates of their choice for School District 115, no matter where the candidate might reside. Understandably, for some voters, representation of a particular community weighed heavily, and for others it did not.

Democracy and elections go hand-in-hand. Through these kind of debates and discussions, it is likely that the overall interests of District 115 will be better served; and the voters will certainly be much better informed.

Sincerely,

*Susan Garrett*

## Volunteer Opportunity

Opportunity abounds in our lives—in our community, our private lives and communal involvements. Besides the privilege of voting at the upcoming elections, we can assist with a special census being taken on behalf of the City of Lake Forest as a result of the City's rapid growth since 1990. Our League is working with the City on this project.

Newspaper articles and ads as well as cable station coverage have given attention to this project and the League is assisting the City in identifying enumerators. How can we help? By volunteering to be interviewed as a potential census taker. Call the Census Hotline at 234-8260 for more details and an application. The 47 individuals selected from the 123 applicants will receive training from the Census Bureau and call on neighbors and friends to update data for the City's financial gain.

The opportunity to earn \$8 an hour for approximately 120 hours can be beneficial to our League if you decide to donate your "pin money" to the League's programs. Anyone over 16 with a high school diploma in either Lake Forest or Lake Bluff can apply.

A heartfelt thanks for responding to the need!

## Welcome to our New Members!

★ Karen Bush  
621 E. Prospect  
Lake Bluff

Frances Goostrey  
116 E. Sheridan Road  
Lake Bluff

Maureen Eddy Grinnell  
537 King Muir Road  
Lake Forest

Stephanie Kearney  
365 Briar Lane  
Lake Bluff ★

★ Kathy Lawson  
1325 Lakewood  
Lake Forest

Kimberly Moss  
1045 W. Old Mill Road  
Lake Forest

Andrea Owen  
522 Beverly Place  
Lake Forest

Sandra Riggs  
681 Beverly Place  
Lake Forest ★

★ Charlotte Robinson  
340 W. Hawthorne Ct.  
Lake Bluff

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## REPORT

## REVIEW OF NOMINATING PROCEDURES REVEALS INCONSISTENCIES

Potential candidates for local offices have no clear avenue of information on nominating procedures, according to a review of these procedures by a committee of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League members conducted between May 1995 and April 1997. The committee's survey revealed inconsistencies in election materials disseminated to municipal election officials throughout the state as well as to potential candidates seeking information to run for local office.

Interviews with 12 municipal, school, and park district officials in seven communities (multiple interviews were held in three communities), conducted by committee members, indicated that not all election jurisdictions distribute the same information. Interviews with the Illinois State Board of Elections Technical Adviser and with the Lake County Clerk and Elections Administrator give some insight into how and why the discrepancies arise.

The State Board of Elections sends one copy of the *Election Officials Handbook*, the *Candidate's Guide*, and the *Election and Campaign Finance Calendar* to each County Clerk in the state. These manuals are comprehensive guides, including samples of all forms, for county election administrators as well as local election officials and potential candidates. The guides are also sent to a limited number of selected municipalities.

In general, municipalities must rely on the County Clerk to send copies or partial copies of the manuals to them. If County Clerks opt not to distribute copies, municipal officials must take the initiative in calling the State Board of Elections for manuals. Municipalities do not receive the *Election and Campaign Finance*

Calendar. The packet includes copies of necessary forms for candidates along with a cover sheet of instructions. Neither the *Election Officials Handbook* or the *Candidate's Guide* is photocopied or distributed in its entirety.

Municipalities then must take the responsibility, if they choose, to make photocopies of forms and instructions in the County's courtesy packets for distribution to potential candidates on request. Some choose not to distribute information; some photocopy only portions of the packet; others send potential candidates to the County Clerk's office for forms.

The Lake County Clerk's office, however, discourages potential candidates from picking up forms there. The stated reason is that candidates must return their petitions and other forms to their own municipalities for official filing. Should a candidate mistakenly try to file at

The Committee's Recommendations:

1. The State Board of Elections should be required to distribute the *Election Officials Handbook*, the *Candidate's Guide*, and the *Election and Campaign Finance Calendar* to all local election officials as well as to all County Clerks as regularly as needed to ensure timely and accurate information for all.
2. Information distribution channels should be increased. County Clerks should be required to place additional news briefs in local newspapers at least once per month for three months prior to the filing date for new candidates. (These should be in addition to the current legal notice requirements.) Information should include details of upcoming elections and where to obtain candidate forms. This information should also be provided in news release format to local papers, cable television stations, and any other local media. The State Board of Elections should set up a hotline phone number, as early as necessary prior to filing dates, for potential candidate information and answers to questions. This number should be widely publicized throughout the state. Providing all of this information -- and perhaps more -- via the Internet will give the public increased statewide access to election information.

the County Clerk's office close to the filing deadline, he or she would be directed to take the forms to the municipal clerk. Thus, the possibility of missing the filing deadline exists.

*Calendar.* Hundreds of people annually call the Lake County Clerk seeking information about candidates. The County Clerk, having been required by the State Board of Elections

tions to limit this office's role, does not want the responsibility of these inquiries. The County's role legally is to "administer elections". (Pursuant to the Consolidated Election Law, which took effect in 1981, the Clerk administers all elections within the county. Prior to this, municipalities administered their own elections.)

Often, the County Clerk's office refers callers to local municipal clerks for information; municipal clerks may or may not be willing to provide such information, sometimes referring to the callers back to the County Clerk. This results in a "run-around" which is often confusing and frustrating for potential candidates and a common cause for concern among committee members.

Training for local elections officials in generally provided by the County Clerk's office; the Lake County Clerk also attends municipal clerks' meetings to conduct training. In 1996, more in-depth training was also offered by the State Board of Elections. This training covers all aspects of the election, not just nominating procedures. The snag in the system, however, is that training

are probably rarely read by the general public. Prior to elections, the Lake County Clerk also voluntarily produces a *Voter Information Guide*, which is distributed as newspaper inserts to a circulation of 190,000.

In perusing the *Candidate's Guide* handbook, committee members observed that many forms were unclear, almost unreadable, and therefore unsuitable for copying. Since this handbook serves as the master copy for County Clerks and many local elections officials, the forms ultimately in the hands of potential candidates could be unusable. Committee members also noted that no phone number for the State Board of Elections is listed on or in the guide, should a candidate wish to call for information or with questions.

The League committee has made several recommendations (see inset) which can lead to consistency in quality of information disseminated on nominating procedures as well as other election policies and practices. The League board has accepted these recommendations and voted to report both findings and recommendations

in letters to the State Board of Elections, the Lake County Clerk, our elected representatives, and others interested in assuring potential candidates of the information needed to file for office. While the League and committee focus has been on the nominating procedures, providing over-all election information to a broader base is a supplemental benefit.

Keep in mind that these recommendations have been drafted based on the need for information, the need for equal access to information, and the importance of all sources having and disseminating the same information. No discussions have been held with state, county, or

local officials on the budget required for implementation or on funding sources. There is still work to be done, but the League will soon be taking the first step by letting officials and representatives know of the need for consistent, accurate, timely, readable information and its distribution channels.

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3. Formal training should be offered regularly every two years, possibly as a collaborative effort between the State Board of Elections and County Clerks. All local election officials should be required to attend.
4. A standard, step-by-step, user-friendly instruction sheet should be prepared for use throughout the state by the State Election Board with the concurrence of county and municipal clerks and defined responsibilities of each for dissemination of nominating procedure information to potential candidates. The information should include a section on common mistakes made by candidates, with suggestions to correct or avoid such errors.
5. The *Election Officials Handbook* and the *Candidate's Guide* should be made available to all public libraries.
6. The *Election and Campaign Finance Calendar* should be sent statewide to local newspapers and public libraries.
7. Public forums throughout the state, perhaps co-hosted by County Clerks and Leagues of Women Voters, can be formulated on "How to Become a Candidate."

for local election officials is optional and all do not participate.

Required by law to publish legal notices with information about upcoming elections, Lake County places these paid notices in *Lakeland*, *Pioneer Press*, *Daily Herald*, *News-Sun*, *Labor News*, and *Zion-Benton News*. These official notices appear among other legal ads and

## CIVILITY AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE

*Eugene Hotchkiss, President Emeritus, Lake Forest College and Chair of The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Round Table spoke about Civility and Public Discourse at the Fall Members and Prospective Members Luncheon in October. He provided the following background of The Round Table and a Discussion Paper on Civility and Public Discourse.*

### Background:

*The Round Table evolved in the mid 1990's. Meeting only infrequently, the members of the Round Table shared their concerns for the changing nature of the community, and how such matters as racial issues and diversity affected not alone the institutions represented in the Round Table - civic, educational, health institutions - but the entire community. As the Round Table continued to search for its focus, it sought the counsel and direction of Mr. Nick Trkla. In a few sessions prior to his untimely death, in January 1996, he spoke of the "cocooning" of America which encourages individuals and families to move to Lake Forest and Lake Bluff in part to avoid some of those issues more seriously confronting broader society. It was with this background that the Round Table determined to look into Lake Forest's past for guidance for the community's future. What followed was a struggle to find a focus for its efforts, out of which emerged its current emphasis on CIVILITY.*

### Discussion Paper on Civility and Public Discourse:

As the communities of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff inevitably change, as housing consumes our open spaces and automobiles clutter our streets and the pace of our lives quickens, it is appropriate to seek out and renew the spirit which created and sustained these communities in their early years. We seek this renewal of spirit not for refuge but for guidance, recognizing that the past can never be recaptured and that the future is ever evolving.

In the special spirit of early Lake Forest and Lake Bluff we can find guidance even today as our communities look to the century ahead. It encourages the educational and religious institutions more actively to participate in community life, and their students and parishioners to become participants in community affairs. It fosters tolerance, enriched by the diversity of our academy and college populations. It urges our elected representatives to respect our communities' traditions, to sustain and to find the enhancement of community spirit a yardstick for measuring the potential value of proposed changes. And it prompts citizens of all ages and of all segments of the communities to profess and foster the goals of our founders, shaped by their advocacy of education their allegiance to spiritual ideas, and their commitment to communities accepting and honoring public discourse and diversity, civilly expressed.

The founders created communities which valued natural beauty, education and religion, not as dogma but to aid their quest for a fuller life through greater understanding and spiritual growth. They encouraged the spirit of community, not through conformity but through discussion and respect for diversity. And as advocates themselves of renewal, they accepted dissent not with acrimony but as a valued component of an inclusive and balanced community spirit.

We view the past not as an anchor, but as a beacon to shine light on our tomorrow.

In beginning the process of shining tomorrow's light we, as individuals who are also community leaders, choose from a number of values in the past to revisit the importance of **civility in public discourse**. We do so to explore its application to the institutions that serve our publics and to define the ways that we can exhibit civil behavior.

Public bodies or community organizations act by making decisions that affect the public by developing policies and promulgating rules. We believe that the public discourse which precedes such action is best served in a climate of civility. We recognize that we cannot legislate civil discourse in others, but we can practice it ourselves and with others. We can seek to resolve conflicts first through civil discourse, without legal or legislative intervention. We can cease to act in the face of incivility, rudeness, name-calling, personalized issues, verbal attacks and the like.

We choose to practice civility in public discourse and by living the values of **honesty, respect, and responsibility**, and we view the revisiting of civility as a first step in reclaiming our historic community values.

We welcome any who wish to join us in this endeavor.

- The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Round Table  
August 6, 1997



## THANKS...

*Thank You One and All!*

*The Board thanks Arlene Loepp, Linda Hinde and Char Kreuz for working so hard to make our Fall Membership Luncheon a great success. Arlene opened her beautiful home; Linda lent her time and membership expertise and Char recruited our guest speaker, Gene Hotchkiss. It was a memorable event with over 50 in attendance.*



*LWVLF/LB received this letter last month.*

## FROM OUR MAILBOX

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

October 20, 1997

"Dear Mrs. Garrett,

The students of Central Elementary School would like to express their thanks to you and the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff for your donation of the book A Voice of Our Own.

This book will enrich the students' understanding and appreciation of the right to register their political views through voting, as expressed in the words of many distinguished women.

Many thanks for this nice addition to our student library.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Rozensky  
LMC Director"

# INSIDE! Nominating Committee Procedures Report

Char Kreuz  
35 Warrington Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044-1322

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## Dates to Remember

- November  
19 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am  
24 Deadline to make reservations for the Holiday Luncheon
- December  
2 Board Meeting, St. James Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm  
3 Holiday Luncheon, St. James Lutheran Church, 11:30 am
- January  
21 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- February  
18 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- March  
18 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- April  
15 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- May  
20 Annual Meeting, 6:00 pm



Lake Forest - Lake Bluff League of Women Voters

# League Lines

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January 1998

## Panel Discussion on Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

10:00 am

Friend's Room at Gorton Community Center  
400 East Illinois Road

coffee and dantsh  
cablecast

Including:

Susanna Bunta, Chair, Senior Resources Commission representing Lake Forest and Lake Bluff  
Chuck Crook, Director of Community Development in Lake Forest  
Bobbie Bellier, Highland Park Housing Commission  
Serena Gordon, Highland Park housing  
Lisa Roberts, Community Development for the Village of Wilmette  
Charles Fitzgerald, Shfield's Townshipe Supervisor

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### "Have a Heart for the League"

Cocktail Party - Fund Raiser  
for LWV LFLB

Saturday, February 14th

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at the home of Peg Haldring

611 S. Oak Knoll Drive, Lake Forest

\$10.00 per person ♥ Dressy Casual Attire

Reservations Required

Watch for your invitation in the mail ♥



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All members receive *League Lines*.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

As you are aware, one of the principal purposes of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens. Although the League is nonpartisan, it does encourage its members to be involved in the political process; in fact, many elected officials reflect that their initial entry into the political process was through League membership and participation.

In that light, I commend Susan Garrett for her willingness and commitment to enter the political arena. In accordance with the LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Nonpartisan Political Policy, a board member cannot hold or run for an elected public office. At the November Board Meeting Susan's resignation was accepted with regret and best wishes.

During this period of transition, the board members have been very active in continuing our programs and activities. Many thanks to Carol Gilbert and Elaine Slayton for coordinating this year's holiday luncheon with grace, style and humor. Through their efforts \$657.33 were raised and all the rest of us had a wonderful lunch and program. To the set-up and kitchen crews and all who helped, thanks!

Kudos to Beth Kress for her leadership and collaborative efforts with the City of Lake Forest on completion of data gathering for the Special Census. Beth not only acted as liaison with the City, but along with forty other hardy enumerators, knocked on doors to collect information which will be tabulated and summarized by the US Census Bureau. Findings will be shared later this spring. Beth can tell you that some of our residents are very hospitable to fact finders!

We have been fortunate to have Linda Hinde as membership chair. Through her organization, punctuality and follow-up, we have completed a successful membership drive. We number 130 members including three honorary members who've been active in the League for over 50 years and including 23 new members who've joined in the last year.

Other board members have been diligent in carrying out the responsibilities of their portfolios. Every program, candidates forum and activity carried on by this League requires the efforts of many people.

With that in mind, the Nominating Committee chaired by Diane Lloyd will begin its work to develop a slate for presentation at the annual meeting in May. I encourage each of you to find one area of League activity that appeals to you and fits your schedule and level of commitment. I have found my time spent working on League activities time well spent. Please think about why you joined the League and consider an area in which you might be able to share your skill, expertise or willingness to help out.

*Ann Hollis*



*Membership Directories for 1997-1998 have been handed or mailed to all members. If you haven't received your copy, please call Linda Hinde, membership chair (295-5252).*

**VOLUNTEER - RAISE MONEY!**

In the past, several League members have contributed their time and moneys earned from working for the Lake County Clerk's Office on election days. The county is in need of election judges, but there are also a variety of other positions for the March 17th election.

If you are interested, call either Ann Hollis (295-2463) or the Elections Department at the Lake County Clerk's Office (360-3611). This is a very "League-like" way to participate in the Democratic process and to donate much appreciated funds to the organization.

**Welcome to our New Members!**

Patricia Curren

17 Warrington Drive, Lake Bluff

Lisa Dietrich

525 E. Blodgett, Lake Bluff

Terry Kreissl

314 Winchester Court, Lake Bluff

Kris Kurschner

344 E. Woodland Road, Lake Bluff

Kitty Lansing

390 E. Wisconsin Ave., Lake Forest

Janet Nelson

PO Box 247, Lake Bluff

**NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING**

Every other year, League of Women Voters of the United States holds its national convention to plan the program for the coming biennium. As part of our grassroots structure, National Program Planning is the local time set aside for members to have input in the planning process. To do this we need to review national positions, look at program ideas from other Leagues and generate our own thoughts to pass through.

This year National Program Planning will be held along with the February Board Meeting on February 18, 1998 at Gorton. Each League member should consider the issues on which the League can have an impact in shaping better communities: the issues that call for the League's unique expertise in education and advocacy; the issues that will help us build citizen participation in the democratic process.

Our League will be sending our views and ideas about important issues to the LWVUS to be counted with those of other Leagues when the LWVUS board makes recommendations next April for the 1998-2000 program. Then, in San Diego, in June 1998, convention delegates from across the country will discuss, debate and finally adopt a national League program for the last biennium of the millennium. Share the spirit! Take part in the process!

This is what YOU are being asked to do:

1. Read the National Program & List of Possible Issue for Emphasis Submitted by State & Local Leagues, on pages 4-6 of this issue.
2. If you want more information, the Impact on Issues 1996-1998 which contains the League position in brief, League's history and Statement of Position for each position will be in the League mailbox (at Gorton).
3. If you wish, talk with friends, neighbors, community leaders for suggestions on national issues important to our community.
4. Using the form (middle insert) indicate if you wish to retain or drop each program item. Also list the one issue you think our league should recommend as an issue for emphasis.
5. If you would like to discuss the positions with other League members, come to the coffee at Ann Hollis' house, 500 Thorn Valley, Lake Bluff, on Friday, February 6, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. We will muddle through this together the best we can.
6. Return your form to: LWV LF/LB, 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045 no later than February 13, 1998.

The board will have your input in the decisions they will make at the board meeting on February 18, 1998, and the local League recommendations will be decided and sent to LWVUS. Our deadline for responding is March 6, 1998.

In advance, thank you for taking the time to study, consider and send in your opinion. Your recommendations help shape the Proposed Program submitted to delegates for debate and adoption in San Diego. Thanks for sharing your ideas, your knowledge and your spirit.

# 1996-98

## NATIONAL PROGRAM

### League of Women Voters of the United States

#### GOVERNMENT

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive; that has a fair and adequate fiscal basis; that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution; that assures opportunities for citizen participation in government decision making; that provides sound agricultural policy; and that preserves public health and safety through gun control measures.

##### Agricultural Policy

Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

##### Citizen Rights

**Citizen Right to Know/Citizen Participation.** Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision making.

**Individual Liberties.** Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

**Public Policy on Reproductive Choices.** Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

##### Congress and the Presidency

**Congress.** Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision-making capability and effective performance.

**The Presidency.** Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

##### DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation

Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and representation in both houses of Congress.

##### Election Process

**Apportionment.** Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

**Campaign Finance.** Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

**Election of the President.** Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote and work to abolish the electoral college; support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections.

##### Fiscal Policy

Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax; promote responsible deficit policies; support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

##### Gun Control

Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons.

##### Voting Rights

Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

#### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Promote peace in an interdependent world by cooperating with other nations, strengthening international organizations, fostering long-term development, negotiating arms control measures and encouraging the successful resolution of conflicts through nonmilitary means.

## National Program Response Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preference to retain or drop each program item listed below.

Program Item	Retain	Drop
<b>Government</b>		
Agricultural Policy		
Citizen's Right to Know/ Citizen Participation		
Individual Liberty		
Public Policy on Reproductive Choice		
Congress and the Presidency		
DC Self Government		
Apportionment		
Campaign Finance		
Election of the President		
Fiscal Policy		
Gun Control		
Voting Rights		

### Internal Relations

Arms Control		
Military Policy and Defense Spending		
Trade		
United Nations		
U.S Relations with Developing Countries		

### Natural Resources

Resource Management		
Environmental Protection and Pollution Control		
Public Participation		

### Social Policy

Child Care		
Early Intervention for Children at Risk		
Equality of Opportunity		
Health Care		
Meeting Basic Human Needs		
Urban Policy		
Violence Prevention		

I recommend this Issue for Emphasis (only one): \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: LWV - LF/LB, 400 East Illinois Rd., Lake Forest 60045

Deadline: February 13, 1998

OR: Bring to coffee at Ann's house, 500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff,  
Friday, February 6, at 10:00 am.

**Arms Control**

Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

**Military Policy and Defense Spending**

Work to limit reliance on military force; examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

**Trade**

Support systematic reduction of tariff and nontariff trade barriers and support broad long-range presidential authority to negotiate trade agreements.

**United Nations**

Support measures to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

**U.S. Relations with Developing Countries**

Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

**Resource Management**

Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

**Environmental Protection and Pollution Control**

Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of the public health and environment.

**Public Participation**

Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

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**SOCIAL POLICY**

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Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, achieve universal health care coverage at reasonable cost, promote the well being of children, and combat discrimination, poverty and violence.

**Child Care**

Support programs, services and policies at all levels of government to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

**Early Intervention for Children at Risk**

Support policies and programs that promote the well being, development and safety of all children.

**Equality of Opportunity**

Support equal access to education, employment and housing. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

**Health Care**

Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

**Meeting Basic Human Needs**

Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

**Urban Policy**

Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

**Violence Prevention**

Support violence prevention programs in all communities.

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Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- coordination among agencies and levels of government
- adequate financing,
- effective enforcement,
- well defined channels for citizen input and review.

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**1996-98 ISSUE FOR EMPHASIS**

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- *Making Democracy Work*



# **LIST OF POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS SUBMITTED BY STATE AND LOCAL LEAGUES HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUPPORT**

Sustainable Communities (building sustainable communities, defining what sustainability is, population impact on a sustainable future, urban issues, infrastructure, social infrastructure, land-use issues, water, transportation, hazardous waste, air quality, development of neighborhoods, global resources)  
 Making Democracy Work/Campaign Finance Reform (campaign finance reform, motor voter protections, increased voter participation, term limits, civility in public discourse vs. mean-spiritedness, militias, radical right, hate crimes)  
 United Nations (peacekeeping vs. peace enforcement, financing mechanisms, voting powers of Security Council and General Assembly)  
 Health Care (health care for children, health care for all, single payer, mental health service for children, examining down-sizing and for-profit takeovers, impact of welfare reform on health care, Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, HMOs)  
 Welfare Reform (job training, poverty and youth, economic development, safety net, basic human needs, impact of welfare reform on children, families, foster care and child care)

## **MODERATE LEVEL OF SUPPORT**

Population  
 Environmental Protection (clean air, clean water, wetlands, global resources, pollution, environmental degradation, waste management, land use and planning, global water supply, development of integrated environmental policies)  
 Children's Issues (children and families, child abuse and neglect, protection of children, child care, crimes by and toward children, facilities housing juveniles, children's health care)  
 Immigration  
 Education (educational standards, vouchers, charter schools, quality of education, financing of education, basic education, educational facilities)  
 Violence (violence prevention, child abuse and neglect, protection of children, juvenile justice, crimes by and toward children)  
 Tax Policy (tax reform, reform structure of tax system)  
 Internal League Issues (re-inventing the League for the 21st Century, the League as a world-wide force, Making Democracy Work within the League (particularly with regard to convention attendance)  
*Note: Internal League Issues are not program items, but they can be part of Future Plan discussions.*

## **ITEMS SUGGESTED ONE OR TWO TIMES**

### GOVERNMENT

Entitlement Programs  
 Assisted Suicide/Right to Die  
 Social Security  
 Budget Deficit  
 Full Voting Representation for the District of Columbia  
 Proportional Voting  
 Presidential Primary Election Process  
 Gun Control  
 Reproductive Choice and Family Planning  
 Ethics in Government  
 Structure of U.S. Government  
 Government Agency Coordination  
 Natural Disaster Relief/Emergency Response  
 Casino Gambling

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Trade Policy  
 NAFTA  
 GATT  
 Role of U.S. in World Affairs

Arms Control and International Security  
 Nuclear Weapons  
 Normalized Relations with Cuba

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Climate Change  
 Ozone Depletion  
 National Parks and Forests  
 National Forest Practices (Sustainable Yield)

### SOCIAL POLICY

Income Inequality  
 Affirmative Action/Equality of Opportunity  
 Labor/Decline of Wages  
 Urban Policy  
 Transportation and NAFTA  
 Race Relations  
 Social Justice in a Multi-Cultural Society  
 Public Transportation  
 Drug Policy  
 Economic Future: Job Market, Changing Nature of Work

## LWV-IL 1998 LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

### *"League's Legislative Agenda: Developing Your Influence"*

Learn how Leaguers can influence public policy and how to effectively lobby in your home district.

**Join Us Saturday, February 7, 1998 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
at the DePaul Center, 1 E. Jackson, 8th Floor (SE corner of Jackson and State)**

The program features:

- ☆ Setting the stage: LWVIL Legislative Priorities
- ☆ In-depth briefing: the experts will review the priority issues
- ☆ How to "talk" so your legislators will listen: Janet Swartz, Legislative Aide to State Representative Lauren Beth Gash, will discuss how to advance League legislative agenda by nurturing a relationship with our legislators

**Want to attend?? Call Ann Hollis, 295-2463, by January 26**

## LWV OF LAKE COUNTY

The LWVLC Committee on Transportation has begun to meet, but there is still time to join the group. Call Marge Blake (918-7625) for time and place of the next meeting.

**March 4, 1998, 12:00 pm:**  
**FORUM:** David Brodsky, newly appointed Chief Public Defender, will talk about the challenges of his office in providing defense representation for the indigent in Lake County.

## GREAT DECISIONS...

**What:** GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

**When:** 2nd Fridays at 1:00pm

**Where:** Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Av. Apt. A3, Lake Forest

Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by LWVLF/LB and the American Association of University Women to discuss topics of international affairs. For reference the study guide of the Foreign Policy Association and its videotapes are used.

February 13 - SPECIAL INTERESTS: Is U.S. policy for sale?

March 13 - CHINA AND THE U.S.: What priorities in a changing relationship?

April 10 - HUMAN RIGHTS: What role in U.S. policy?

May 8 - CUBA: Time to rethink U.S. strategy?

June 8 - AFRICA TODAY: Worst of times; best of times?

July 10 - FINANCING THE GOVERNMENT: Financing development? Time for a new look?

*Study guides will be available in late January.  
Call Diane Lloyd 615-9182 or Betty Buker 234-4509*



THIS MONTH: National Program Planning! Send us your opinions. See page 3 for instructions.

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#### Dates to Remember

- January
- 21 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
  - 26 LWVIL 1998 Legislative Briefing Reservation Deadline
- February
- 7 Coffee: National Program Planning, Ann Hollis', 10:00 am
  - 7 LWVIL 1998 Legislative Briefing, 10:00 am
  - 11 LWV LF/LB Panel Discussion on Affordable Housing, Gorton, 11:00 am
  - 13 Great Decisions, SPECIAL INTERESTS, 1:00 pm
  - 13 National Program Form Deadline
  - 14 "Have a Heart" Cocktail Party, Peg Heldring's, 6:00 pm
  - 18 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
  - 18 March League Lines submission deadline
- March
- 4 LWVLC Forum: Defence Representation for the Indigent, Gorton, 12:00 pm
  - 9 Public Forum: John Porter, Highland Park, 7:00 pm
  - 13 Great Decisions, CHINA AND THE U. S., 1:00 pm
  - 15 Illinois Education Fund Benefit, Second City, 6:00 pm
  - 17 Election Day!
  - 18 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
  - 18 April League Lines submission deadline
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- 10 Great Decisions, HUMANRIGHTS, 1:00 pm
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Lake Forest - Lake Bluff League of Women Voters

# League Lines

Volume 44, Number 5

March 1998

Many League programs are available for you to view on LFTV, cable channel 19. Our February program on Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff was taped. And we will tape the March 11th Forum on Campaign Finance Reform in Illinois. The LWV Waukegan/Zion area, Waukegan AAUV and Taskforce on Waukegan Neighborhoods held a Candidate Forum for primary candidates for Illinois Secretary of State and State Representative for the 59th District. They are providing a tape for cablecast. Cablecasts of all these events will be aired in March as follows:

**Candidate Forum:**

Fridays, March 6, 13 at 12:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, March 7, 14 at  
2:00 & 8:30 p.m.  
Mondays, March 9, 16 at 8:00 a.m.

**Campaign Finance Reform:**

Fridays, March 20, 27 at 12:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, March 21, 28 at  
2:00 & 8:00 p.m.  
Mondays, March 23, 30 at 8:00 a.m.

**Affordable Senior Housing:**

Tuesdays, March 2, 10, 17, 24, 31  
at 3:00 p.m.

Please let your friends and neighbors know that even if they cannot attend our programs, we are able to provide them with this viewing opportunity.

*The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff  
proudly presents a community forum on*

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest  
Wednesday, March 11 at 10AM**

featuring

Torrence Brunner, Executive Director, Better Government Association  
James Kales, Coordinator, Illinois Campaign for Public Reform  
Robert Loerzel, Managing Editor, Arlington Heights Post  
and, as discussion leader

Linda Kellough, President, Highland Park League of Women Voters

In conjunction with our March program on Campaign Finance Reform this issue of *League Lines* also focuses on the topic. See page five for answers to commonly asked questions about campaign financing in Illinois. This is an area of much needed attention in our state. According to *Tainted Democracy, Final Report of the Illinois Campaign Finance Task Force, chaired by Former U.S. Senator Paul Simon and Former Illinois Governor William Stratton* (January 1997), "[In Illinois] there are no contribution limits and no spending limits. Neither is there a system of public financing. No state exercises less control than Illinois over the role that money plays in the political process..."

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If you have information, notices or announcements for *League Lines* you may mail them to League of Women Voters, 400 East Illinois Rd, or fax them attention to Bev at 847/295.9794 or e-mail them to bev@adamczyk.com. The League of Women Voters reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This election has proven to be a challenge for our League. At the January board meeting our Nonpartisan Political Policy was discussed relating to this election. What made this discussion difficult was the conflict of the League's encouraging all of us as individuals to be active in the political process while maintaining our organization's nonpartisan role in the community. In light of that, we asked the Lake County League to do the candidate's forum for state representative for the 59th District. Unfortunately, one candidate had made the decision to do only one League forum and accepted the invitation from the Waukegan League. In order that voters in this area have the opportunity to hear the candidates for this position, we were able to arrange with the Waukegan League to have a tape to air on our cable access station.

At the January meeting we also discussed how to get information to the voting public regarding the non-contested election for Lake Forest mayor and aldermen. The decision was made to do a voters guide of responses by the candidates to specific issue related questions. We are still hoping to have that available prior to the election but have yet to obtain replies from the candidates. I hope that you will be able to use this available information to help make your choices for the March 17th election. Please remind your friends and neighbors to vote.

In addition to working on election activities, board members have been active in a planning and participating in other League activities. Char Kreuz represented us at a meeting of the Round Table for Civility in Public Discourse held at Barat College on January 23, 1998. If you were able to attend our fall membership luncheon, you will remember the presentation made by Eugene Hotchkiss regarding this group. Char recommended and the board agreed that our League work with this coalition. More information will be shared with you on how we see our role developing with the efforts of this group.

Char and I attended the LWVIL Legislative Seminar in Chicago on February 7, 1998. We were pleasantly surprised that the morning briefing included excellent presentations on Campaign Finance Reform in Illinois by Dawn Clark Netsch and on Juvenile Justice Reform in Illinois by State Senator Barack Obama from the 13th District. We both wished the state League had taped these presentations to share with local Leagues and made that suggestion for future seminars. We felt the briefing was well worth our time and encourage all of you to consider going next time.

Thanks to Elaine Slayton, Carol Gilbert and Alice Flaherty for planning and producing the panel on Affordable Senior Housing in our communities. The room was filled with interested citizens who provided our moderator, Diane Lloyd, with more questions than our time permitted. We received thanks for presenting this program from persons representing differing viewpoints on this issue.

Committees are working on agenda items for the May annual meeting. Thanks to all of you putting in the extra time and effort.

Ann Hollis



Many thanks to Peg and Martin Heldring for hosting this year's Cocktail Party. The event raised a net total of \$380.00. Thanks to all who came and to all who sent contributions!

## LOCAL ISSUES AND NEWS

### SPECIAL CENSUS UPDATE

The special census, which the League of Women Voters suggested to the City, was taken in Lake Forest in the last two months of 1997. The trained enumerators overcame difficult time constraints and endured wet, cold weather, but executed their task in a diligent manner. Receiving \$8 an hour for their work, they quickly realized that no amount of money could compensate, but that the census was important for the community. With the task complete the US Census Bureau has an accounting of every person in Lake Forest.

Robert Kiely, Jr., the City Manager, wrote a letter to the League, thanking us for encouraging the City to undertake the task. The special census shows an increase in population from 17,836 to 18,817, resulting in about \$100,000 per year in new revenue for the community. Even after deducting the cost of the special census, the city expects to realize between \$250,000 and \$350,000 in new revenue.

Beth Kress, our League's community liaison with the City, participated in the special census as an enumerator. She collected many interesting and heartwarming stories as she traversed the community and met local residents. Rumor has it that Beth may share some of these stories at the Annual Meeting in May. Thank you Beth and everyone who made the special census a reality.

### FUND-RAISING UPDATE

For the year our fund-raising events have included the December Holiday Luncheon, the Bridge Marathon, donations from volunteers who work on election days, the Cocktail Party and contributions from the community. To date a net total of \$2,023.00 has been raised.

### NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

At the board meeting on February 18, 1998, using input from questionnaires returned by members, the board voted to retain all items on the National Program and recommended Making Democracy Work as the issue for emphasis. This information will be tallied by the LWVUS and delegates at the National Convention in June will have the opportunity to consider the National Program for adoption. Thank you for sharing your opinions about the issues on which you feel the League should focus its efforts.

To Benefit the League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund

*The Second City*  
 Chicago production of  
**Promise Keepers,**  
*Kevin Rogers*  
**An evening of fun & pizza**

Info: 312-699-8334



### OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY:

The LWVIL will be sponsoring another student mock election for the November 1998 Election. Our league and some schools of our community participated in the last student mock election in 1996. The goal for this election is to include more schools reaching more children and teachers. Last time we assisted schools with the actual election process, provided ballots and made presentations in classrooms and the state League developed classroom activities and supplementary materials for teachers to use. We could do that again or change how we approach our involvement.

We know from the last time that each school needs its own League liaison so we're hoping to have a team working to coordinate the project (rather than having one coordinator). If you like working with school age children and would like to assist in this hands-on experience of civic education, call Ann Hollis (295-2463) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LWVLC FORUM

March 4, 1998, 12:00 pm: David Brodsky, newly appointed Chief Public Defender, will talk about the challenges of his office in providing defense representation for the indigent in Lake County.

### APRIL PROGRAM:

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Community Discussion with Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Robert Kiely, Lake Forest City Manager on Thursday, April 16, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the newly renovated Lake Bluff Village Hall. This is an opportunity for you to meet with both local administrators on an informal basis to ask questions regarding the state of our communities. League members and their friends are invited to this discussion.

### ANNUAL MEETING:

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 1998, at the home of Diane Lloyd. Dinner prior to the meeting will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. Further details will be in next month's newsletter and prior to meeting you will receive a packet of information containing items to be considered at the meeting. Please plan now to attend and help determine the direction we will take in the upcoming year.

## LWV-IL: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*Following is a review of the political climate and potential legislative action to strengthen the LWVIL. We determined the list of priorities for legislative action for this session. Having priorities doesn't mean that you cannot take action on things that are not on the list.*

*allocate resources of time, money and staff. By working with coalitions our League is able to cover more legislative area and focus on making an impact on upcoming legislation. During this session the LWVIL does not have a lobbyist in Springfield; Legislative Specialists are representing the League and encouraged lobbying. This session's Legislative Priorities are:*

### **MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON REFORMING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

Support for improved election laws and procedures.

Opposition to measures that would restrict access to the polls.

Support for improved methods of financing political campaigns in order to:

- ensure the public's right to know
- combat corruption and undue influence
- enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office
- and allow for maximum citizen participation in the political process.

### **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**

Support for comprehensive violence prevention public policy programs including:

- Early Start Programs, Healthy Families Illinois
- gun control measures
- a balanced approach to juvenile justice.

The League will also work on selected legislation in the following areas: reproductive choice, the environment, mental health reform, criminal justice, social policy, school funding, state fiscal policies, women's issues/civil rights and health care.

## **Think Illinois' campaign finance system doesn't affect you?**

**High utility Rates:** During the past years debate over utility deregulation, Commonwealth Edison and Illinois Power gave more than half a million dollars to state lawmakers, helping them broker a deal that will lock Illinois consumers into the highest utility rates in the Midwest for another eight years.

**Hidden Cable TV Costs:** Last year the cable television industry tried to slip through legislation that would allow them to charge customers up to \$5 for every late payment. To grease the wheels, the cable industry gave \$388,095 to state legislators between January 1995 through July 1, 1997. The bill passed the House and only after much press coverage and public outcry was the bill rejected in the Senate.

**Costs of Tobacco:** In 1996, the tobacco industry gave \$188,855 to Illinois legislative leaders. These contributions helped kill bills on smoking prevention, such as efforts to restrict the free distribution of tobacco products, and efforts to allow local governments to restrict sales of tobacco products near schools. Tobacco-related Medicaid costs in Illinois were an estimated \$345.5 million in 1997.

## **Your Internet Guide to Money in Politics**

[www.ilcampaign.org](http://www.ilcampaign.org)

[www.crp.org](http://www.crp.org)

[www.crp.org/cpi](http://www.crp.org/cpi)

<http://www.vote-smart.org>

[www.uis.edu/~blse/li.html](http://www.uis.edu/~blse/li.html)

<http://www.essential.org/cac/>

Illinois Campaign for Political Reform's website—only source on the net for current donors to Illinois statewide candidates!

Center for Responsive Politics

Same website, only source on the net which shows where Illinois politicians got their money in '95-'96

Project Vote Smart

Illinois Issues Magazine

Citizen Advocacy Center

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' OF LAKE FOREST/LAKE BLUFF

# VOTERS' GUIDE

FOR THE UNCONTESTED ELECTION FOR MAYOR & ALDERMEN  
MARCH 17, 1998



*The Voters' Guide contains information obtained from candidates in the uncontested election for aldermen and mayor of the City of Lake Forest.*

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization whose purpose is to encourage informed citizen participation in government. The League helps to educate citizens about public issues, observes governing bodies and provides information for the voters at election time. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age.*

*Voters in the City of Lake Forest will be asked to vote for candidates for the following offices on March 17: Mayor, City Supervisor, City Treasurer, City Marshall & Collector, and Aldermen for each of the four wards, as well as County Board positions. The positions of City Supervisor, City Treasurer, and City Marshall & Collector are signatory positions only, as the functions originally performed by these elected officials are now generally performed by the staff of the City of Lake Forest. Only those running for the positions of Mayor and Alderman were invited to participate.*

*Responses from three candidates running for alderman were received. Mayor Cornelius Waud, who is the incumbent running for Mayor, and Henry (Harry) Chandler, the incumbent running for Alderman of the 3rd Ward, were out of town during much of the month of February, and chose not to participate in the Voters' Guide. The Voters' Guide contains the viewpoints of the three candidates who responded.*



## CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN 1ST WARD, A TWO-YEAR TERM

Candidate's Name. Samuel J. (Jerry) Henry

Address: 771 Barberry Lane Lake Forest, IL

Occupation: Retired partner, Chapman & Cutler, Chicago

Background: B.A. Yale University 1958; L.L.B. University of Virginia 1961; Retired partner Chapman & Cutler, Chicago; Incumbent, 1st Ward, Chairman of the Finance Committee

- I. The pace of growth in Lake Forest is impacting the capacity of the public schools. What impact fees are in place now and should they be increased? Impact fees at the current rate appear to have provided a fair contribution to the reserves set aside for future expansion of our schools. I do not see a compelling reason to increase fees at this time.
- II. Parking capacity at Lake Forest High School is going to continue to be a problem, due to increases in the number of students. What long range suggestions do you have? There should be a plan providing for a reasonable increase over time in the number of parking spaces at the high school without giving up substantial green space or the tennis courts. Since demand would still exceed supply, the school administration, the faculty and the students must come up with a fair method of allocating spaces. School bus service is apparently under-utilized and should be made more attractive to the students. Perhaps shuttle service from the school to a remote parking lot would provide some relief. However, parking for students at the high school should continue to be a privilege and not a right.
- III. Each new development attempted by the City of Lake Forest (such as the expansion of Gorton, the move of municipal services to the Fort Sheridan area and the proposal to build a Senior Center at the Grove School) is meeting with resistance from neighbors. Please comment on the conflicts arising in these disputes. It is the responsibility of each Alderman to look beyond personal and sectional prejudices and to make decisions based upon the best interests of the community as a whole after giving all interested parties an opportunity to be heard. The rights of property owners should always be respected, but the inconvenience of a small minority should not stand in the way of an important public benefit. The expansion of Gorton Community Center was approved, after extensive public hearings and discussions with neighbors, upon findings that neighborhood property values would not be substantially diminished and that no overall reduction in the use and enjoyment of those properties would result. It is my hope that any decisions with respect to the Ft. Sheridan and Grove School properties will be made in a similar manner.
- IV. The Teska Study examined the possibility of a variety of types of development throughout the city, including bed and breakfast uses in East Lake Forest, a hotel in the Conway Farms area and expansion of retail development on the west side of Lake Forest. Please comment on the possibility of these zoning changes. All reasonable requests for commercial zoning or for zoning variations for new business ventures should be given a fair hearing by the City Council, but should be judged on the merits of the specific project being proposed. The City should work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to attract desirable businesses to existing commercial districts.
- V. Some residents have been concerned about the demolitions and infills occurring throughout Lake Forest (in areas such as South Park, West Park, and near the High School). Do you feel zoning and building codes should be altered to preserve the original scope of development in these areas? One of the most important projects before the City Council and the various boards is a careful review of the zoning and building codes, with an eye to more effectively preserving the character of our residential neighborhoods. The trend to larger structures on smaller lots is troubling to me. And it is evident that our rules relating to architecture review and to demolition of existing houses are not working as they should. I hope that by the end of this year, the Council will enact amendments to our ordinances that will set forth building standards that are fairer, clearer and more restrictive than today's guidelines.

## CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN 2nd WARD, A TWO-YEAR TERM

Candidate's Name: Ashley M. Maentz

Address: 451 Michigamme Lane Lake Forest, IL

Occupation: Interior Designer, AMM Designs

Background: I have lived in Lake Forest for over 25 years. My civic involvement has included the APT of both Districts 67 and 115, the United Way of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, Friends of Gorton, the Public Facilities Advisory Committee of the City of Lake Forest, and Lake Forest Hospital. I was previously a candidate for Second Ward Alderman in 1989.

- I. The pace of growth in Lake Forest is impacting the capacity of the public schools. What impact fees are in place now and should they be increased? There are currently in place significant impact fees benefiting many organizations that are affected by the growth in Lake Forest, in addition to the schools. Other taxing bodies (such as the County) may also be considering levying additional fees. I do think that fees should be maintained, and increased as appropriate, particularly in corporate developments. Other methods of support for the schools, such as continued user fees, endowments, impact fees for infill building, user fees for demolition, etc., must be investigated, as well.
- II. Parking capacity at Lake Forest High School is going to continue to be a problem, due to increases in the number of students. What long range suggestions do you have? Since the city has no jurisdiction over District 11 5, suggestions from the city alone are inappropriate. Rather, as the recent traffic modifications have shown, a partnership of students, administrators, neighbors and the city should continue to implement strategies and test their effectiveness and fairness. Calculating the maximum growth potential, the related number of cars and the increased mobility necessitated by West Campus activities, must be factored into that planning. Remote parking (across McKinley), and eventually land use will need to be addressed. Incremental, collaborative, flexible solutions will also prevent a locked-in resolution that may not be appropriate should enrollment diminish.
- III. Each new development attempted by the City of Lake Forest (such as the expansion of Gorton, the move of municipal services to the Fort Sheridan area and the proposal to build a Senior Center at the Grove School) is meeting with resistance from neighbors. Please comment on the conflicts arising in these disputes. As space to grow diminishes, and we begin to encroach on each other, we need to find a way to become better neighbors—working together as a stronger community rather than 16,000 individuals, representing personal and sectional interests. Value must be given to needs, desires and opinions of both individuals and the city, who should speak for the greater whole. Better outreach, education and sound reasoning must be disseminated by the city to all its citizens on projects to be undertaken. We must all be accountable for listening, understanding, and respecting the opinions of the parties involved in such developments.
- IV. The Teska Study examined the possibility of a variety of types of development throughout the city, including bed and breakfast uses in East Lake Forest, a hotel in the Conway Farms area and expansion of retail development on the west side of Lake Forest. Please comment. Any zoning changes must be looked at very carefully and would need to be consistent with the long range plans for the whole community, or at least the broader area being considered. Development would take the willing participation of not only citizens but merchants in any areas being considered. Zoning codes strive to maintain the character of the community in a cohesive manner and changing them would need to meet with favorable environmental, economical and personal long term benefits for the community as a whole.
- V. Some residents have been concerned about the demolitions and infills occurring throughout Lake Forest (in areas such as South Park, West Park, and near the High School). Do you feel zoning and building codes should be altered to preserve the original scope of development in these areas? While we would aspire to maintain the character and emotional heritage of our community, our desires don't always match what we are legally able to do. We can exert our influence to the best of our ability, but individual rights must be respected, as well. Infill should fit within the context of the neighborhood and be an attempt to improve the housing, as well as the overall look and feel of the area. Zoning and building codes should have controls in place to effectively manage that outcome.

## **CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN 4th WARD, A TWO-YEAR TERM**

Candidate's Name: G. Bishop Gallagher

Address: 987 Oak Knoll Drive Lake Forest, IL

Occupation: Real Estate Executive

Background: My family and I have lived in Lake Forest for the past 19 years. I have served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and The Planning Commission together with 4 1/2 years as Alderman of the 4th Ward.

The pace of growth in Lake Forest is impacting the capacity of the public schools. What impact fees are in place now and should they be increased? Currently there are several impact fees and, when added all together, amount to \$18,100. Each contribute to the schools, library and city infrastructure for each new home built. The City Council during its' budget preparation each fiscal year, reviews these various impact fees and in some specific cases will raise a fee or fees as necessary. This annual review is necessary because many economic factors are equated to these fees.

- II. Parking capacity at Lake Forest High School is going to continue to be a problem, due to increases in the number of students. What long range suggestions do you have? I agree with the premise that the parking capacity at the high school continues to be a problem, has been a problem in the past and will always be a problem. My suggestions long range are consistent with the "Transportation Committee" authorized by the Board of District 115 which comprises of several experienced individuals, including members of the Police Department. The committee has recommended variety of improvements broken down into several phases. The recommendations include: additional parking spaces, hours of parking, assignment of spaces, reconfiguring certain local streets so as to move traffic more efficiently and other well thought out recommendations. Until the high school enrollment reverses itself and declines substantially, I believe the capacity problem will always be present. However, the transportation committee has certainly shed constructive light on the problems.
- III. Each new development attempted by the City of Lake Forest (such as the expansion of Gorton, the move of municipal services to the Fort Sheridan area and the proposal to build a Senior Center at the Grove School) is meeting with resistance from neighbors. Please comment on the conflicts arising in these disputes. I believe it is safe to say that human nature resists change to some degree. When a material development occurs in any given neighborhood, you will generally receive concerns of some of the neighbors. Their concerns are real and must be taken seriously. My initial requirement of a new development is: a) does not change the character of the neighborhood and b) it is in compliance with the underlying zoning and/or The Comprehensive Plan. The expansion of Gorton is consistent; The Grove School would be consistent if the property is used for a community park; The municipal Service Center at Fort Sheridan requires a more detailed effort to remain at Laurel Avenue.
- IV. The Teska Study examined the possibility of a variety of types of development throughout the city, including bed and breakfast uses in East Lake Forest, a hotel in the Conway Farms area and expansion of retail development on the west side of Lake Forest. Please comment. The Teska study was very well done. In particular, the study reinforced the excellence of our Comprehensive Plan. With respect to hotels and bed and breakfast inns, the city has already specified a hotel in a specific location at Conway Farms and we are now considering whether bed and breakfast inns are in the best interest of Lake Forest. Any expansion of our business districts should and will be considered by the Community Planning Dept. and the Plan Commission. Overall, the Teska Study brought new ideas to Lake Forest and new ideas are always welcome.
- V. Some residents have been concerned about the demolitions and infills occurring throughout Lake Forest (in areas such as South Park, West Park, and near the High School). Do you feel zoning and building codes should be altered to preserve the original scope of development in these areas? Demolition and infill has been a concern in Lake Forest for many years. I believe our codes have been tightened as much as legally possible. Owners' property rights are very apparent in the courts and it is difficult to slow down the demolition process more than what our city has provided, that is, a two year waiting period in certain allowable cases. The city always encourages remodeling as to demolition. However, in many cases, we cannot ultimately prevent the infill. One of the contributing factors for infill is the cost of land in Lake Forest. An average lot is so expensive, one feels compelled to build a large home to justify the value of the lot.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCING IN ILLINOIS:

### Answers to Some Commonly Asked Questions

**Is there a limit on how much money an individual, business, PAC or other interest group can contribute to a campaign for public office in the Illinois legislature?**

**No.** Although there are limits on how much money can be contributed to candidates running in federal elections, and most states set at least some limits on how much money individuals or interest groups can contribute to campaigns for state offices, Illinois has **no limits** on how much an individual, business, PAC, or other interest group can contribute to a campaign for public office. In a study by Illinois Common Cause, Illinois ranked last among the 50 states in terms of the stringency of its campaign finance laws.

**Are there restrictions in Illinois on who can contribute to a campaign?**

**No.** In Illinois, any individual, business, or interest group can contribute an unlimited amount of money or in-kind goods or services to any campaign for a legislative or statewide office. Additionally, there are no restrictions on candidates for public office in Illinois raising money and then transferring it to another candidate's campaign. In fact, a legislative leader's financial support of a candidate's campaign in Illinois is often key in determining whether a candidate wins or loses an election, particularly if the candidate is not an incumbent. In election districts where there is significant competition for a legislative seat, legislative leaders fighting for control of their chambers provide most of the campaign funding, not the candidates themselves.

**Are there limits on how much money a candidate for public office in Illinois can spend during a campaign?**

**No.** Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Buckley v. Valeo* (1974) that the amount of money a candidate can spend on a campaign may not be limited by law, some states (e.g. Maine, Wisconsin, New Jersey) offer candidates incentives in the form of public campaign financing if they adhere to voluntary campaign spending limits. A similar system exists for U.S. Presidential candidates. There is no provision of public funds for candidates who adhere to voluntary campaign spending limits in Illinois.

**Are there restrictions in Illinois on what campaign funds can be used for?**

**No.** Illinois law is silent on what constitutes a proper or improper expenditure of campaign funds. In many cases, an

expenditure may be legal but questionable from the perspective of good judgement and ethics. Some of the ways campaign funds were spent during the 1994 election cycle included country club dues, out-of-state travel, no-interest personal loans, parking tickets, tickets to professional sports events, and funeral expenses.

**Are there any rules governing what an elected official in Illinois can do with campaign funds if he or she leaves office?**

**No.** The lack of a requirement that former elected officials close out their political committee and distribute any remaining funds is a major loophole in Illinois campaign finance law. Some elected officials have retired from political office with large balances in their campaign funds and have continued to spend out of those funds for long periods of time. One Illinois governor left office with a campaign fund balance of more than \$1 million.

**Are candidates in Illinois required to disclose the campaign contributions that they receive? Are contributors to campaigns required to disclose their contributions?**

**Yes to both questions.** Candidates who raise or spend more than \$1,000 and groups that raise or spend more than \$1,000 are required to form a political committee and file reports with the Illinois State Board of Elections. Reports of political committees must identify by name and address any contributor who gave more than \$150 in any reporting period and the amount of the contribution. Contributions of less than \$150 must be reported as part of an aggregate total, but the names of these contributors do not need to be reported.

**Are campaign finance records open to the public for anyone to see?**

**Yes.** Any member of the public can see the campaign finance reports of local, state, and federal political committees. State campaign finance records are on file at the Office of the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield (217) 782-1536 or in Chicago at the James R. Thompson Center (312) 814-6440. Federal election committee reports for offices such as U.S. Congress are on file at the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C., with copies submitted to the State Board of Elections, in Springfield. A range of excellent campaign finance information is now available via the Internet. (*See web sights on previous page*) In addition, the legislature approved a bill in 1997 to place campaign finance information on the Internet—hopefully this information will appear by the end of 1998.

## LOBBYING 101

### HOW DO I GET MY MESSAGE ACROSS?

You may contact your legislators by personal visits, writing, faxing, e-mailing and telephoning. All means are effective. You do not have to travel to Springfield or Washington, or even call long distance. Legislators have offices in their home districts.

Decide how best to communicate your message. If you have a lot of information to share, a written communication may be most effective. If time is of the essence, a phone call may be the most practical. (See the phone example below.)

A first contact with a legislator or staff member can be the beginning of an ongoing, productive relationship. Thank you notes when your legislator takes the action you requested, or just takes the time to meet or discuss an issue with you, help to build a relationship. Even if you disagree with your legislator on one issue, you may be able to work together on another.

### State of Illinois Lobbying Resources

#### To Obtain a Copy of a Bill:

Bills as introduced are available in the bill room of the house of origin. Once a bill passes the house of origin, it is retyped to include all of the amendments which were adopted. The retyped copy is the "engrossed" bill and is available in the bill room of the second house. Copies of bills, specified by house of origin and number, may be requested in person or by phone.

House Bill Room: (217) 782-5799

Senate Bill Room: (217) 782-9778

Legislation which has passed both chambers is "enrolled and engrossed" in preparation for being sent to the governor. Bills are retyped and all adopted amendments are incorporated. Copies of these bills can be obtained from the enrolling and engrossing office of the house of origin.

House Enrolling and Engrossing: (217) 782-7192

Senate Enrolling and Engrossing: (217) 782-6970

#### To Obtain an Update on the Status of a Bill:

Legislative Information Service (LIS): (217) 782-3944

House Speaker's Legislative Hotline: 800-252-6300

For information regarding the governor's action on a bill:  
Governor's Legislative Liaison Office: (217) 782-6871

### HOW TO "TALK" SO YOUR LEGISLATOR WILL LISTEN

- **IDENTIFY** yourself and give your home address when phoning or writing.
- **DESCRIBE** the issue or bill that concerns you.
- Refer to the **BILL NUMBER**, if possible.
- Tell the legislator what **ACTION** you want.
- Mention any special **CREDENTIALS** you have.
- State key **REASONS** for your views.
- Put a **HUMAN FACE** on the issue; share personal experiences
- **COUNTER ARGUMENTS** the opposition is using if you can.
- Limit writing to **ONE ISSUE** or one bill.
- Be **BRIEF**.
- Ask for a **REPLY**.
- Be **POLITE**. Always keep the door open for future communication.
- Send a **THANK YOU** or follow-up letter.

*When time is short, a telephone call is a quick and simple way to take action. When the receptionist answers, all you need to do is say who you are, where you live and why you are calling.*

**Receptionist:** Good morning, Senator A. Tishun's office.

**You:** Hi. My name is [redacted] and I live at 100 Main Street in Homewood.

**Receptionist:** May I help you?

**You:** I am calling to urge Senator Tishun to vote for Senate Bill 550, which requires police to trace guns used by young people in drug crimes. I think firearm tracing is an important way to get the hands of children

and reducing violent crimes.

**Receptionist:** I will let the senator know.

**You:** Thank you.

## LWV-US: ACTION ALERTS

### *An Urgent Call to Action on Campaign Finance Reform*

Congressional leaders in both the House and the Senate have promised to bring campaign finance reform legislation to their respective floors before or during March 1998. At this point, grassroots advocacy is essential in achieving real reform. It is vital that our members of Congress be bombarded with our message in favor of incremental, bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation that closes the soft money and sham issue advocacy loopholes.

Once campaign finance reform legislation hits the Senate floor early this spring, opponents will do everything in their power to defeat it. The first attempt will be a motion to table (kill) the legislation. Our senators need grassroots pressure urging them to vote against any motion to table. If the motion to table is defeated, opponents will offer "poison pill" or killer amendments. These amendments will attempt to tip the careful balance of the bill, forcing usual advocates to vote against final passage. Again, our senators need grassroots pressure urging them to vote against any "poison pill" or killer amendments. Finally, a cloture vote will be called. Sixty votes are needed to invoke cloture to end debate and move on to straight up or down vote. Please ask our senators to vote for cloture.

**\* Please call and write Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, and Congressman John Porter.** Now, this March, it is imperative that they hear from as many constituents as possible on this issue. Since the LWVUS president will be contacting members of Congress in the name of the League, please call and write as concerned individuals. Make it crystal clear to our members of Congress that their constituents care deeply about campaign finance reform and expect them to work hard to bring about real change. **Ask our senators to vote against a motion to table balanced, bipartisan legislation and against any killer amendments. Finally, urge them to vote for cloture. Ask your representative in the House to support incremental campaign finance legislation that closes the soft money and sham issue advocacy loopholes.**

*Use the tips on the preceding page when contacting your legislators. You will find your Senators' and Congressman's addresses and phone numbers, both local and in Washington, in your League of Women Voters Directory. Please share any information you learn concerning your elected officials' positions on bipartisan campaign reform legislation with Cathy Sullivan, Grassroots Lobbyist, at 202-429-1965 ext. 219 or by e-mail at [cathys@l1uv.org](mailto:cathys@l1uv.org). You can also contact Cathy if you have any questions. Thanks for all your hard work and continued efforts. If our members of Congress continually hear from constituents about the need for real reform and the importance of voter participation (see below) over the next few weeks, we will be able to turn the tide and achieve meaningful campaign finance reform and preserve voting rights protections in the 105th Congress. Thank you.*

### **Act Now to Prevent Undermining of Successful "Motor Voter" Law**

Some members of Congress are attempting to pass new legislation that would undermine, and in some cases effectively kill, the National Voter Registration Act, known as the "motor voter" law.

Motor voter has been a tremendous success. Today, more citizens are registered to vote than ever before. The Federal Election Commission reports that 1996 saw the highest percentage, nearly 73 percent, of the voting age population registered to vote since reliable records were first available in 1960.

#### **Notice of Public Forums Congressman John Porter**

**Monday, March 9**  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Northwood Jr. H.S.  
945 North Avenue  
Highland Park

**Saturday, April 25**  
10:00 am to noon  
Oak Grove Jr. H.S.  
1700 O'Plaine Rd.  
Green Oaks

*Please remember this easy way to meet your Congressman to discuss any issues that concern you. As always members of Porter's staff will be available to offer assistance in dealing with federal government agencies.*

Despite the success, four voter registration bills are being considered that would abolish Voting Rights Act protections against discrimination. Three bills would overturn critical Privacy Act protections to allow states to require Social Security numbers on voter registration applications, even though voter registration applications are public documents. Three bills would require Americans to document their citizenship, despite the fact that few of us carry our birth certificates.

We call on you to contact Congressman John Porter to oppose the proposals that would kill or significantly weaken the federal motor voter law.

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## Dates to Remember/Things to Do

### March

- ✓ Write or call your legislators urging for meaningful Campaign Finance Reform.
- Write or call your legislators to uphold the National Voter Registration Act.
- 1 LWVLC Forum: Defence Representation for the Indigent, Gorton, 12:00 pm
- 9 Public Forum: John Porter, Highland Park, 7:00 pm
- 11 Community Forum: Campaign Finance Reform, Gorton, 10:00 am
- 13 Great Decisions, CHINA AND THE U. S., 1:00 pm
- 15 Illinois Education Fund Benefit, Second City, 6:00 pm
- 17 Election Day!
- 18 Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am
- 18 April *League Lines* submission deadline

### April

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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

A discussion of local developments and issues held exclusively for members and their guests with Kent Street, Lake Bluff Village Administrator and Robert Kiely, Lake Forest City Manager.

*League members invite your friends and attend this discussion on the state of our communities. This is an excellent program for potential new members. There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers.*

Thursday, April 16, 1998

at the Lake Bluff Village Hall

9:00 am coffee and networking with other Leaguers

9:30 - 11:00 am Community Discussion

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## *SAN DIEGO in June*

Because of our membership the LWV LF-LB is entitled to send two delegates to San Diego for the 43rd National Convention of the League of Women Voters US.

Read more about the convention and beautiful San Diego on page 3. If you are enticed by the sessions, talks and future planning for the League or by the "California Spirit" contact Ann Hollis at 295-2463 for more information on being a delegate or delegate alternate.



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our March board meeting was on the morning following the General Primary Election - great timing to discuss the outcome of the contested races. However, our review of the election quickly focused on the low voter turnout. For those of us involved in League activities, it was disappointing that many members of our communities didn't take the time to participate in the electoral process. Perhaps we should use the lack of citizen participation in this election as a challenge to continue and increase our efforts to inform the public and encourage each of us to assume the responsibility of selecting elected representatives and voicing our choices on issues.

Election months keep our calendars filled with opportunities to inform and be informed. Thanks to the following League members who were involved with last month's voter service, fund-raising and program activities:

Mary Claire Briggs for compiling candidates responses for the Voters Guide for Mayor and Aldermanic candidates for the Lake Forest City Council. The guide was included in last month's newsletter mailing.

Election workers Char Kreuz and Mary Jane Wolter for spending a good part of St. Patrick's Day working the election and donating their checks to the League.

Diane Lloyd for moderating the candidates' forum in Waukegan and to the LWV Waukegan-Zion area for providing the tape for cablecast on our local station.

Carol Gilbert for planning the panel discussion on Campaign Finance Reform. The forum was well-attended thanks to the presence of the Advanced Placement Political Science class from Lake Forest High School and their teacher, Lynn Erven. For those of you who were not able to attend, but watched the forum on Channel 19, the broadcast was made possible by very last minute arrangements for taping with Frank Townsend. Our cable coordinator, Alice Flaherty, who was detained for three days in Ohio by the storm of the season, called the night before the forum to let us know her situation. We are very grateful to Frank for being available the next morning and for all the extra time he spent preparing the tape for broadcast.

Our year is rapidly coming to a close. We have two meetings remaining: our annual community discussion with the Lake Forest City Manager and the Lake Bluff Village Administrator and our annual meeting. These offer us the opportunity to be informed about our community and to determine how our League will be involved in the community.

Included in this newsletter is a tear-off form for you to send to the board with recommendations for issues you would like to see our League address or study in the upcoming year. Please take a few minutes to consider what you think our League could do to improve our community or to increase citizen participation in the democratic process. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our last two meetings.

*Ann Hollis*



# LWVUS 43rd National Convention

**San Diego**  
June 13-16, 1998

Share the spirit of the democratic process as a delegate adopting the LWVUS National Program for 1998-2000! In addition to working on the program delegates adopt bylaws and a budget, elect national officers, the board of directors and a nominating committee.

Everyone attending is invited to hear challenging speakers - including Anita Perez Ferguson, president of the National Women's Political Caucus. Freda Lewis-Hall, MD, director of the Lilly Center for Women's Health at Eli Lilly and Co., will talk about "Lifestyles 2000: How women today can balance work and home to achieve health, well being and personal fulfillment" at a breakfast sponsored by the Lilly Center.

There will be many sessions focusing on diversity, the League's future plan, and Making Democracy Work.

On Saturday evening unwind and enjoy the California lifestyle at a beach party sponsored by the LWV of San Diego. The social highlight will be the convention banquet on Monday night. Celebrate and share the spirit in the Hotel del Coronado's spectacular ballroom overlooking the Pacific Ocean as the LWVUS Diversity Awards are announced.

Recognizing the need to relax after hours of hard political debate, the LAC has planned many exciting and interesting tours. Stay an extra day and take advantage of the area and sample Balboa Park and its 14 museums, the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, the harbor and Maritime Museum, La Jolla or the Tijuana Arts and Crafts Center.

We need two delegates to represent the LWV LF-LB. If you are interested contact Ann Hollis at 296-2463 for more information.

## League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff announce their 1998 ANNUAL MEETING



**Wednesday, May 20, 1998**

at the home of Diane Lloyd,  
500 College Road, Lake Forest

*5:30 p.m. for drinks and conversation*

*6:30 p.m. dinner*

*7:30 p.m. business meeting called to order*

You will receive a packet of information containing items to be considered at the meeting and cost of dinner.

### We need for input for the Annual Meeting:

If you have a governmental issue which you would like to see our League address or study in the upcoming year please share it. At the April board meeting the board will consider all recommendations submitted. The proposed recommendations will be sent to all members in the Annual Meeting Packet.

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Please send your recommendation to LWV LF-LB, Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Submissions due April 14, 1998.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: WEB SITE AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE

As I was compiling the April edition of *League Lines* I decided to investigate the status of the Action Alerts we published in March so I could include an update on how campaign finance reform and motor voter are doing in Washington. I planned to use the League of Women Voters' web site and proceeded to dial in.

No wonder the LWVUS site was named one of the 250 "most valuable Internet sites" in the recently published *Internet Handbook*! The site was up to date, indicating what was most recently voted on and what votes were coming up the following week.

The web site also has a screen to help you respond by sending email or a letter to your representative. Within ten minutes I had composed and printed a letter to my congressman. (If you have friends who live outside our district all they need to do is type in their zip code and the web site reveals their representatives.) I didn't need to look up Congressman Porter's address, the web site automatically filled the address in on my letter.

For those of you who have computers the LWVUS web site is a very easy way to stay on top of the National League high visibility issues. And the site makes correspondence so simple; the house bill numbers and representatives addresses are all right there.

Visit the site at <http://www.lwv.org/legal.html>. It will take less time than reading this letter.

Oh, by the way, the information on the web was so timely that it would be out of date by the time this issue reached you. I wish I could report all our work for campaign finance reform and motor voter preservation was over, but grass roots action is still necessary. I urge you to visit the site yourself. If you do not have a computer and would like to have an update call me at 296-5641.

*Betty J. Adams*

## Notice of Public Forum Congressman John Porter

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10:00 am to noon  
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1700 O'Plaine Rd.  
Green Oaks

*Members of Porter's staff will be available to offer assistance in dealing with federal government agen-*

## GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSES HUMAN RIGHTS IN APRIL

What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

When: 2nd Fridays at 1:00 pm

Where: Betty Boker's,  
485 Oakwood Av. Apt. A3, Lake Forest

Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by LWV LF/LB and the American Association of University Women to discuss topics of international affairs. For reference the study guide of the Foreign Policy Association and its videotapes are used.

- pri 10 - HUMAN RIGHTS: What role in U. S. policy?
- May - CUBA: Time to rethink U. S. strategy?
- - AFRICA TODAY: Worst of times; times?
- July 10 - FINANCING THE GOVERNMENT: Financing development? Time for a new look?

Study guides are available. Call Diane Lloyd 615-9182 or Betty Boker 234-4509



## OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY:

The LWVIL will be sponsoring another student mock election for the November 1998 Election. Our league and some schools of our community participated in the last student mock election in 1996. The goal for this election is to include more schools reaching more children and teachers. Last time we assisted schools with the actual election process, provided ballots and made presentations in classrooms and the state League developed classroom activities and supplementary materials for teachers to use. We could do that again or change how we approach our involvement.

We know from the last time that each school needs its own League liaison so we're hoping to have a team working to coordinate the project (rather than having one coordinator). If you like working with school age children and would like to assist in this hands-on experience of civic education, call Ann Hollis (295-2463) for more information.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM: Questions and Answers on Soft Money

To understand the issues involved with campaign financing, LWVUS has answered some questions about soft money. Next month we will feature questions and answers about Sham Issue Ads.

Q What is soft money?

A. Soft money contributions are unlimited donations to the political parties from corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals. There are no limits on the amount of soft money an individual, corporation or union can give to the parties. Six-figure soft money contributions are now entirely commonplace. In theory, soft money is to be used for "party-building" activities such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives. In reality, soft money is increasingly used to pay for a barrage of party financed negative attack ads that often depress voter turnout.

Q Has the soft money loophole always existed?

A. No. The soft money loophole was opened by a 1978 Federal Election Commission (FEC) ruling designed to strengthen political parties by allowing them to use unrestricted funds for activities like voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote efforts. Soft money was used primarily for this purpose throughout most of the 1980s, but by the 1992 election cycle, clever attorneys for the parties determined they could use soft money to pay for massive amounts of television attack ads while remaining within the letter, if not the spirit, of the law.

Q Is the use of soft money on the rise?

A. Over the last three presidential election cycles, combined party soft money receipts have grown exponentially. In the 1988 election cycle, the parties raised a combined \$45 million in soft money; in the 1992 cycle, that

figure nearly doubled to \$83 million, and in the 1995-96 cycle, soft money contributions tripled to an astounding \$262 million. Initial FEC reports for the next election cycle indicate that this trend is continuing unabated.

Q Doesn't the Constitution prohibit the Congress from banning soft money?

A. No. There is absolutely no constitutional barrier preventing Congress from closing the soft money loophole. In *Buckley v. Valeo*, the Supreme Court held that the government has a

contributor in the last election cycle, weighing in with over \$3 million in contributions, mostly to the Republican party. And in the first six months of 1997 alone, tobacco companies pumped an additional \$2 million dollars into Republican, and to a lesser degree, Democratic party coffers. Not surprisingly, these donations coincided with a push by tobacco companies for congressional approval of a settlement that could shield them from smokers' lawsuits, potentially saving them billions of dollars.

Q What effect does the soft money loophole have on the public financing of presidential campaigns?

FEC, 1997

A: The soft money loophole has effectively

undermined the system of partial public financing of presidential campaigns that was set up in the wake of the Watergate scandal. During the 1996 election, both President Clinton and Senator Dole directly participated in the raising of enormous amounts of soft money for their respective parties. The parties subsequently used this money to pay for a barrage of sham issue advocacy television advertisements that allowed the Clinton and Dole campaigns to ignore spending limits they had agreed to in exchange for public financing of their campaigns.

Q Who gives soft money donations?

A. During the 1995-96 election cycle, corporations were the single biggest source of soft money donations for both Democrats and Republicans. Labor unions were also big soft money givers, almost exclusively to Democrats.

Tobacco industry giant Philip Morris was the single largest soft money

compelling interest in combating the appearance and reality of corruption, an interest that justifies restricting large campaign contributions in federal elections. Raising constitutional questions about banning soft money is simply a red herring, a way for politicians to preserve the soft money system without publicly defending six-figure contributions. Fortunately, the Court in *Buckley* clearly rejected the notion that limits on campaign contributions violate the First Amendment.

Unless the soft money loophole is closed, it will be a simple matter for candidates to evade the spending limits associated with public financing of presidential campaigns.

LWVUS, 1730 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 December 1997

The soft money loophole is abused by both parties:

	<u>Soft \$ raised in 1996 election cycle</u>	<u>% Increase over 1992</u>
Republicans	\$138.2 million	178%
Democrats	\$123.9 million	242%

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## 1998 ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, May 20, 1998

at the home of Diane Lloyd,  
500 College Road, Lake Forest

*5:30 p.m. for drinks and conversation*

*6:30 p.m. dinner*

*7:30 p.m. business meeting called to order*

Please join fellow League members to network and attend to our annual business: Hear the Treasurer's report. Discuss our 1998-99 budget. Review our local positions and discuss the recommended study. And elect new officers.

Dinner is optional. You may send checks (\$10.00 for dinner) in advance to LWV LF/LB, Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Please make reservations by May 15 to Ann Hollis (295-2463)

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### SAVE THIS DATE:

**May 14 -16, 1999**

**LWVIL State Convention  
at the Holiday Inn in Matteson**

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The Annual Meeting on May 20th signals the end to another busy and productive year for our League. You are encouraged to attend this meeting to review our activities and efforts for 1997-1998 and to participate in determining our direction for 1998-1999.

The primary reason I enjoy my involvement with the League is the contact with other League members. Although at times as president I've wished I could move our board meetings along, I've found the discussion by members is lively, intelligent and civil. I don't believe I've ever participated with a group in which opinion and viewpoint are so freely encouraged and shared. For me this has not only been a challenge but also an education.

You have been well served this year by members of the board. I want to thank the outgoing board members for their contributions of time and talent: Peg Heldring, Phyllis Albrecht, Anne Csar, Judy Grisamore, Elaine Slayton, Liese Kant, Mary Mathews and Char Kreuz. Peg, Judy and Char will continue serving in off board appointments next year and Elaine will chair the nominating committee. I want each of you to know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thanks also to Susan Garrett for her willingness to serve as president and her commitment to serve a broader constituency. Susan is a difficult act to follow, but how fortunate we are to have had her insight and energy the past year and a half. Best wishes to her in her new endeavors.

The nominating committee chaired by Diane Lloyd who was assisted by Alice Pierce, Theresia Yakes, Linda Hinde and Char Kreuz has assembled a wonderful slate for consideration at the annual meeting. This new board is a combination of new and returning members with a good mix of experience and freshness. It should be a great year working with them.

Other signals for the end of the year are conventions by the County League and the National League. I will be representing our league at the LWV-Lake County Interim Council this month. I am resigning my position as treasurer for that group in order to concentrate on our local league. At the LWVUS National Convention this June our league will be represented by two enthusiastic, young women - Julia Fiske Parker and Elaine Slayton. We look forward to their report when they return from San Diego!

Hope to see you at Diane's on the 20th to wrap up the year!

*Ann Hollis*

## LWVUS-The United Nations in 1997-98: A Report to the League

By Margery Cohen, LWV United Nations Observer

### U.S. Financial Obligations to the UN and UN Reform:

#### WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

As of December 1997, the United States still had not paid its accumulated debt (the arrears), a treaty obligation, to the United Nations. The bipartisan Helms-Biden agreement on payment of the arrears was defeated because its passage was linked to legislation that restricted U.S. aid to international planning programs. These two pieces of legislation need to be separated

In early 1997, the new Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan came to Washington, DC to address the subject of the \$1.45 billion in old and current U.S. debts to the UN regular budget and to peacekeeping operations. Linked to these payments, the U.S. has called for massive UN reform. In March and July of 1997 Annan revealed a set of budgetary, management and structural reforms. Annan's plan reflects U.S. proposals as well as the diverse views of the UN 185 member states.

#### Background

Reform has been happening at the United Nations. In 1986 the General Assembly (GA) introduced consensus-based budgeting: member states would reach consensus (or unanimous agreement) at each step of the budget process. By the early 1990s, most UN specialized agencies also adopted consensus-based budgeting. Cutbacks in staff, reducing the top-heavy management structure of the Secretariat and the number of UN meetings also were part of the proposed reforms.

In 1988, the Reagan administration called for the payment of arrears under the Kassebaum amendment to the State Department authorization bill. It called for withholding 20 percent of assessed U.S. contributions to the UN unless the GA adopted a system of "weighted voting" on the budget, giving greater say to the largest contributors. This bill has been modified over the past decade.

From 1987-1995, the program budgets approved by the GA were zero-growth budgets. The UN's first negative-nominal

growth budget (which means that the Secretariat's budget would have to absorb all inflationary increases and exchange rate fluctuations) was adopted in 1996-97 through U.S. efforts, working with other major contributors.

#### UN Reform 1997

In 1997 the authorized Secretariat posts in the budget were just over 10,000, though it was operating with staff of about 8,500. In 1995, an Efficiency Board was established to help UN managers improve performance and save money. Under-Secretary-General Joseph Connor, an American, has directed these efforts. Rigorous performance evaluations have been adopted, with some 20 percent implemented; the length and number of documents produced by the UN has been reduced by 14 percent and more routine services have been outsourced. By summer 1997, UN managers had undertaken some 550 efficiency projects and completed 205. Kofi Annan has replaced the Efficiency Board with a "Management Reform Group," which will institute further reforms throughout the UN organization. He also has drafted a new code of conduct for UN staff, emphasizing commitment to excellence, accountability for performance and financial disclosure by senior officials.

#### Structural Reform

Four principal areas have been identified by the Secretary-General: humanitarian affairs, development operations, economic and social affairs, and peace and security, with human rights as an issue that affects them all. Reform proposals in these areas include the establishment of UN Houses, in consultation with the government of each country where such a house would be established. The member states would be involved in the integration of these programs to coordinate the different agencies and funds, particularly for development assistance "at the country level."

#### Security Council

Proposals for enlarging the Security Council would necessitate amending the UN Charter. Two-thirds of the GA members present and voting would have to agree on such an amendment, and two-thirds of

the member state parliaments would have to ratify it. The U.S. supports permanent seats for Germany and Japan and three developing countries but has no position on whether newcomers should be given the veto. On November 11, the GA conditionally approved 29 reform actions outlined. The U.S. role is crucial to change. The failure of the U.S. to pay its debts weakens the ability of the UN to adopt reforms and also undermines U.S. ability to build support for its positions. Congress will return to the UN funding issue in 1998. League members should continue to inform their legislators about the facts of UN reform, to support a rationale for payment of our debts.

#### Human Rights

December 10, 1997 marked the beginning of the 50th anniversary year of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On that occasion, the Secretary-General declared: "The growth in support for the Declaration of Human Rights over the past fifty years has given it new life and reaffirmed its universality. The basic principles... have been incorporated into national laws of countries from all cultural traditions... In every part of the world, the United Nations is engaged in securing the basic conditions for human existence: peace, development, a safe environment, food, adequate shelter, enhanced opportunities. The first UN conference on human rights called for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, the indivisibility of all human rights and fundamental freedom... the full realization of civil and political rights was not possible without the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights."

Watch for the many opportunities this year to celebrate human rights and educate our communities about how the UN works to promote these rights.

Lastly, the League of Women Voters of the United States has just been given consultative status at the UN and accredited to the Economic and Social Council (ECO/SOC.) With this new status, the League will be able to participate in a more proactive way.



## LWVIL TASK FORCE ON ELECTION SYSTEMS

*When the public wants answers about good government issues, it turns to the League.*

Want to learn about how different election systems work and which would best ensure a representative state legislature, provide incentives for legislators to work together, increase the accountability of elected officials, and foster greater voter participation? Join the task force to review election systems which will report to the membership at the 1999 state convention. Interested? Please send your name to VP Barb Lippai at the state office, 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1050, Chicago 60604 or e-mail [lwvil@aol.com](mailto:lwvil@aol.com).

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What: GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

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Great Decisions is an interest group sponsored jointly by LWV LF/LB and the American Association of University Women to discuss topics of international affairs. For reference the study guide of the Foreign Policy Association and its videotapes are used.



May 8 - CUBA: Time to rethink U. S. strategy?  
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# LWVUS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SHAM ISSUE ADS

**Q: What are sham issue ads?**

**A:** Sham issue ads are paid political advertisements that target individual candidates and are designed to influence the outcome of elections, but avoid important requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act because of a loophole in the law.

Under a very narrow interpretation of current law, many groups have discovered they can run ads that are clearly designed to influence the outcome of elections without triggering disclosure requirements, contribution limits and source prohibitions associated with campaign ads. This is done by simply avoiding a small handful of key phrases that "expressly advocate" the election or defeat of a candidate such as "vote for," "vote against," "elect," or "defeat." In addition to the clear record of abuse of this loophole that was established in the last election cycle, lower courts have ruled that these handful of phrases (known as the "magic words") don't exhaust the capacity of the English language to advocate the election or defeat of a candidate. Nevertheless, Congress has thus far refused to step in to clarify the law.

**Q: Does the League oppose bona fide issue advocacy?**

**A:** No! We strongly support true issue advocacy and engage in it ourselves. But opponents of reform exploit the sham issue advocacy loophole to use undisclosed, unlimited funds to buy elections. Reformers are simply trying to draw a distinct line between money spent on true issue advocacy on the one hand, and money spent on electioneering to influence the outcome of elections on the other.

**Q: What's wrong with sham issue advocacy?**

**A:** Unlimited, undisclosed money is overwhelming the election system. By running ads immediately preceding an election that savage a candidate's opponent, special interests can provide something of great value to the candidate they support, while avoiding disclosure requirements and contribution limits. They know it is developing into one of the best ways to get policy results on Capitol Hill. In addition, candidates are losing control of their own campaigns. Unless the sham issue ad loophole is closed, outcomes of elections will more and more be determined by the irresponsible actions of outsiders, unfettered by the need to represent the interests of the citizens of a state or district. Finally, money is being directed by political operatives to outside groups to avoid contribution limits and disclosure. These groups then claim their rights would be subverted by reform. It is nothing less than a sophisticated form of money laundering.

**Q: Can you show me an example of a sham issue ad?**

**A:** The following is the text of a broadcast ad that ran in late October 1996 in Arkansas, attacking Senate candidate Winston Bryant. The sponsors of this ad bought more than \$300,000 worth of broadcast time just days before the election. Because of the sham issue ad loophole, it was not considered a campaign ad.

**Announcer:** Senate candidate Winston Bryant's budget as Attorney General increased 71%. Bryant has taken taxpayer funded junkets to the Virgin Islands, Alaska and Arizona. And spent about \$100,000 on new furniture. Unfortunately, as the

state's top law enforcement official, he's never opposed the parole of any convicted criminal, even rapists and murderers. And almost 4,000 Arkansas prisoners have been sent back to prison for crimes committed while they were out on parole. Winston Bryant: Government waste, political junkets, soft on crime.

**Q: Who paid for this ad?**

**A:** Because this loophole allows sponsors to avoid disclosure, we don't know who paid for it. Under current law, it could have been paid for by a corporation, labor union, ideological organization or group of wealthy individuals, any of whom might have lucrative business before the Senate.

**Q: Wouldn't closing the sham issue advocacy loophole violate First Amendment rights by preventing groups from running any ads that mention a candidate before an election?**

**A:** No. The sham issue advocacy loophole can be closed in a constitutional fashion. Reform advocates have suggested a change in current law to close the sham issue advocacy loophole. It states that any paid broadcast communication with the general public within 60 days of the general election and when Congress is not in session that uses a federal candidate's name or likeness would be considered a campaign ad, and would be covered by rules pertaining to campaign ads. In other words, ads that mention a candidate 60 days before a general election could not be financed with corporate funds or union dues, but could use publicly-disclosed donations subject to reasonable contribution limits. *No group, at any time, would be prohibited from running any advertisement, regardless of its content.*

This change is known as the bright line test because it draws a bright and unambiguous line distinguishing money that can be spent on true issue ads and money that can be spent on electioneering. It would simply let voters know who is paying to influence their elections, and help to ensure that wealthy special interests aren't buying elections.

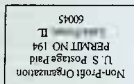
It is constitutional for several reasons. In *Buckley v. Valeo*, the Supreme Court held that the government has a compelling interest in combating the appearance or reality of corruption, an interest that justifies restricting large campaign contributions in federal elections. In the last election cycle, a clear record of abuse was established in terms of the sham issue ad loophole being used to funnel huge amounts of money into ad campaigns designed to change the outcome of federal elections. Significantly, the bright line test simply places limits (for which there are long-standing precedents) on the *type of money* that can be used to pay for certain ads, not on the content of ads. Finally, because it draws a bright, unambiguous line between money that can be spent on true issue ads and money spent on electioneering, it is not open to the charge that it is so vague as to chill speech by leaving questions in the minds of ad practitioners about what is and is not permissible.

**Q: Is sham issue advocacy related to soft money?**

**A:** Yes. Banning soft money without addressing sham issue advocacy may make the system worse by channeling big money from disclosed party soft money into undisclosed sham issue advocacy.

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### Dates to Remember

- May
- 8 Great Decisions, CUBA, 1:00 pm
  - 15 Annual Meeting reservation deadline
  - 20 Annual Meeting, home of Diane Lloyd, Dinner, 5:30 pm; Business Meeting, 7:30 pm
- June
- 8 Great Decisions, AFRICA TODAY, 1:00 pm
  - 13-16 National Convention in San Diego, CA
- July
- 10 Great Decisions, FINANCING THE GOVERNMENT, 1:00 pm

### May Checklist

- ☒ Make Reservation for Annual Meeting
- ☒ Sign up for the Task Force on Election Systems
- ☒ Send for Travel Concepts Tour brochures



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# League Lines

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## Coffee & Conversation

(or java and jive!)

Please join our San Diego delegates,  
Carol Gilbert & Elaine Slayton,  
as they share highlights from the  
National Convention.

Friday, August 28

At Ann Hollis'

500 Thorn Valley Lane, Lake Bluff

9:30 - 11:00 am



It's coming again! The 6th annual Kids 1st Health Fair is Wednesday August 5th at the Waukegan West High School

Last year roughly 2,200 children from about 950 limited-income families received back-to-school physicals, screenings and immunizations as well as unlimited books and backpacks filled with school supplies.

It's a great time and takes over 250 volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Sally Hamm, Volunteer chairman at 362-6933.

If you are unable to volunteer your time contributions in kind are also welcome.  
Contact Phyllis Albrecht. 234-7062.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

School's out, summer's quickly passing by, and members of the new board have been hard at work already planning the new year's programs and activities. Over the summer we've been exchanging materials and making plans and contacts for a busy League schedule beginning this fall.

At end of the year meetings for the county and national leagues some changes have been made. The county league has a new transportation position (which is included in this issue). To find out what is new at the national level, plan to attend a coffee and conversation morning with our two delegates to San Diego, Elaine Slayton and Carol Gilbert. When they returned, they were tired but very enthusiastic about their trip and new ideas they picked up. This gathering is meant to be informal but informative.

You should be watching your mail for your membership renewal materials. Plans are being made for our fall membership luncheon. You can help by thinking of friends, new neighbors or local elected officials you know personally to invite to join us at the coffee and/or the membership luncheon.

Thanks to Diane Lloyd for hosting the Annual Meeting, to Carol and Elaine for representing us in San Diego, to Char Kreuz for organizing the 4th of July Voter Registration and to Char, Emily Jennings, Judy Grisamore, and Bev Adamczyk for registering voters.

Have a safe and restful summer. Hope to see you on August 28th to begin a new year!

*Ann Holtis*



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## FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION...an open letter from the delegates



It seems our journal should open with a gloriously optimistic departure from O'Hare to San Diego, but... suffice to say it took a whole roll of life-savers! Dawn the next day revealed a whole new world: A beautiful Victorian hotel on

a wide Pacific beach... and Convention '98. Though the sand beckoned we attended events from 7am 'til 11pm. In addition to the Plenary Sessions scheduled for the convention floor, there were caucuses, workshops, and fascinating speakers. Even the dash for lunch gave a chance for some well-considered conversation, because delegates can be identified by their badges at all times. A networking dream come true! We improved our vocabulary. We heard about PMPs (per-member payments from local Leagues to National), M&Ms (money and members), and learned a new definition of politics (poli means many, and tics are blood sucking parasites!)

The Plenary Sessions are where all delegates come together to conduct business. A total of 15 hours over four days was scheduled. A long time to sit, and yet not long enough for many delegates. The business of selecting an issue for emphasis unfolded gradually over three days. On the first day the convention rules and order of business are adopted, and "notice of intent" to speak about items is given. On the second day there are "motions and questions for clarification" on issues and positions. On the third day "discussion" occurs. This means debate! The six plenary hall microphones were marked as "pro" and "con", and were recognized alternately by LWVUS President Becky Cain. Even with this balanced presentation, it's easy to see how many speakers line up on each side, and it's easy to hear exasperated sighs and murmurs of approval. And 1000-plus delegates can murmur loudly!

The caucuses, networking sessions, and question and answer workshops are smaller groups of delegates, and occurred continually throughout our four days in San Diego. The Q&A's are informal meetings with the National Board and staff. The networking sessions are delegate meetings to share concerns and successes. And the caucuses can be frenzied! Caucuses were generally sponsored by local Leagues to lobby ideas to delegates, and to plan floor strategies designed to gain maximum exposure. For those who planned to speak pro and con on the third day the caucuses were essential brainstorming sessions. The topics (proportional representation, making democracy work, drug policy,

electric industry restructuring, United Nations restudy, sustainable communities, gun violence prevention, democracy in DC, to list just some...) discussed in caucus sessions exemplify the League's grassroots structure. They provide a vehicle for Locals to set National priorities. All of these issues were presented in some form on the convention floor, perhaps as a motion to restudy an issue, perhaps as a proposed issue for emphasis, action, or simply for publicity value.

In addition to formally readopting the current LWVUS positions three additional issues met success on the third day of plenary. "Making Democracy Work" was again approved as an Issue for Emphasis, with the focus on "Seeking Change" in the area of civic participation. Also approved was full voting Congressional Representation for the District of Columbia. Throughout the Convention the DC delegates wore sashes proclaiming "DC: The Last Colony". Though defeated, the motion to adopt "Sustainable Communities" as an Issue for Emphasis inspired lengthy debate. National profiled this motion as "environmental protection", but the Leagues supporting this motion don't see themselves as "tee-huggers"! Instead, they describe themselves as concerned with social justice, and the equitable distribution of finite resources. One of their many campaign slogans was "Sustainability Basic to Life and League". Currently 101 local Leagues are studying sustainability, about one in ten.

Debate about sustainable communities also brought us back to a discussion of M&Ms - money and members. One delegate stated that MDW (Making Democracy Work) was just too darned uninspiring. Her local has adopted "Taking the System Back" as their action slogan. Some delegates emphatically stated that the only true business of the League should be voter registration and voter participation. Other delegates bemoaned this focus as too narrow, plainly stating that M&Ms follow naturally when local Leagues choose to involve themselves in advocacy. Declining membership in the League was an issue both on and off the plenary floor. Most of our fellow delegates were Presidents of their local League, and definitely senior citizens. We were asked many times how to attract younger members. And it was wonderful to be called "so young" over and over again! Did we mention the beach? To be "at convention" is a full time job. Even so, we managed a few contemplative sandy strolls. And attended events in beach wear upon occasion. All in all it was an unforgettable experience. Thank you for letting us represent you!

**LWV LF-LB ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE**

At the Annual Meeting in May, after enjoying dining and fraternizing, we got down to business.

- We adopted a new budget (which is available upon request).
- We voted in new officers and directors (see page 2 for the complete list of officers and directors).
- We voted to maintain our current local positions and our current bylaws.
- We approved a new study.
  - We will undertake a study of the duties and responsibilities of Shields Township Government.
  - The main focus of the study is not limited to but will include:
    - Definition of duties and responsibilities of Shields Township.
    - Revenues and expenditures of services performed by Shields Township.
    - Relationship of services performed by Shields Township with those of the municipalities of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, and the County of Lake.
- We approved a consensus process to address **Affordable Senior Housing**.
  - Concerning the issue of Affordable Senior Housing, we will develop a consensus process based on prior League presentations and discussions and to present this to the membership in the fall of 1998. If the process yields approval, this will allow the League to go on public record as favoring affordable senior housing.

The annual meeting is over, but the work is just beginning. You will be hearing more about the study and the consensus process as our fiscal year gets underway!

**LWVLC TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE POSITION -modified Spring 1988**

The League of Women Voters of Lake County supports a comprehensive plan for Lake County providing a balance for orderly growth and transportation needs while protecting the environment, conserving natural resources and preserving our natural heritage. Intergovernmental cooperation is necessary to implement the plan.

Decisions on planning and land use must be based on the sustainability of our natural resources balanced with the long term needs of the community. Since land and other natural resources are finite, conservation, stewardship and long term planning should be shared by all levels of government and planning entities.

We support the acquisition of additional open space by the: Lake County Forest Preserve District as well as maintenance of existing preserves to protect the unique ecology.

Current, unbiased, quality research should be made available to the public and decision making bodies. The public must be fully informed from the beginning and throughout the planning process. Intergovernmental and interagency cooperation must include public involvement so mutual understanding can be achieved and the resulting plans will be beneficial to all. The League urges the formation of a citizen's advisory group consisting of representatives from public, private, environmental and business interests to work together to assess county and regional long term needs.

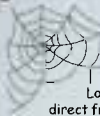
The League of Women Voters of Lake County believes transportation systems should support viable business centers and reduce suburban sprawl. It is the responsibility of regional government and planning agencies to work with all municipalities within its region. When studies of the plans establish a need and legitimacy, the affected government entities in cooperation with the enabling legislative authority should have the responsibility to widen, add and improve arterial roads, collector roads, railways and waterways. Impacts on citizens, roads, business and residential sectors, schools, affected property owners, taxpayers, natural resources and the environment must be considered and made public before any plans are adopted. Projects must show cost to each level of government. Alternatives to any proposed plan, including "no-build" options, should be fully explored.

High priority should be given to transportation alternatives that mitigate road gridlock. To increase the use of public transportation, we encourage convenient routes, reasonable train and bus fares with the construction of convenient commuter parking. In addition, we endorse the continued use of subsidized bus and taxi services for seniors and people with disabilities, and incentives to employer and employee to improve rider participation.

We further support creative, well-planned mixed-use development along existing transportation corridors to reduce travel distances.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

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### LWVIL FALL DEBATES PLANNED!

The state league will work with CBS, Channel 2-TV Chicago to cosponsor televised debates for candidates for Governor and the U.S. Senate.



### *Thank you.*

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Hixon Glore for your generous contribution to the LWVLF-LB. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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Mary Claire had her baby, a girl!  
Linden Claire  
June 25, 1998  
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### IN LAKE FOREST • LAKE BLUFF...

#### INTERESTED IN REGISTERING VOTERS?

A Deputy Registrar class is scheduled for July 30 at 10:00 am at the County Courthouse in Waukegan. If you are interested in attending please contact Pat Rounsaville, 295-3916. Advance registration is required.



#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED

At our Annual Meeting we budgeted \$1000 annually to go to a scholarship fund. Joan Kaltsas will be chairing a committee to determine the criteria for the scholarship. If this is of interest to you, please contact Joan at 234-4737.

#### GREAT DECISIONS

The League and the AAUW cosponsor a "Great Decisions" discussion group using materials provided by the Foreign Policy Association. The group meets every second Friday of the month at 1:00 pm at Betty Buker's, 485 Oakwood Ave, Apt A3, in Lake Forest. Topics for the September and October meeting are listed below. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining in any of the discussions contact Diane Lloyd, 615-9182 or Betty Buker, 234-4509.



September 11 - TURKEY: Emerging regional power? Or state in crisis?

October 9 - RELIGION's Role in  
WORLD AFFAIRS:  
Challenges for the U.S.?



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## Fall Calendar

- July  
30 Deputy Registrar Class, Waukegan Courthouse, 10:00am
- August  
5 Kid's First Health Fair, Waukegan West High School  
28 Coffee with Convention Delegates, Ann Hollis', 9:30 - 11:00am
- September  
2 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30 am  
2 League Lines deadline  
11 Great Decisions, TURKEY, 1:00 pm  
16 LWVLC Board Meeting, Gorton, 10:00 am
- October  
7 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am  
9 Great Decisions, RELIGION's Role in WORLD AFFAIRS, 1:00 pm
- November  
3 General Election  
4 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- December  
2 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am  
10 Holiday Luncheon



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## Fall Membership Luncheon

October 2, 1998  
at Joan Kaltsas'  
101 West Kohl Drive, Lake Bluff  
11:30 am

Featuring Jeanne Hanson from the Woman's  
Campaign Fund and the Barrington Area LWV:  
"Why not a Woman?" A White House Project

Please invite a friend. For more information or to RSVP  
contact Linda Hinde at 295-5252 or Diane Lloyd at 615-  
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Thank You Carol Gilbert and Elaine Slayton!  
Thank you for presenting your report of the  
LWVUS National Convention in San Diego to  
the membership.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Highland LWV, conducted League, its nonpartisan policy, and responsibility. She mented our League with having a great reputation on the North Shore and in the state and congratulated us for having such an age-diverse board. One particular point she emphasized was that the strongest Leagues are those which focus and act on local issues. Our board has been involved in the planning activities and programs pertaining to community issues for the fall and we encourage you to participate at whatever level you are able.

One of our goals for increasing awareness of community issues is the reactivation of the Observer Corps. Information obtained and shared by observers is invaluable to the League as we try to keep abreast of current issues and trends and prepare opportunities to educate the citizens of our communities. Please consider being an observer at meetings of one the local governing bodies. (See page 7)

We've been asked to present a community education forum by the City of Lake Forest regarding Home Rule. The suggestion of consideration of home rule was made by Lake Forest residents to the City Council. Neither the City nor the League has a position regarding home rule for Lake Forest; therefore, we will present an informational forum. In our next two newsletters, we will share background information on home rule including information from Leagues who have conducted studies regarding this issue.

Voter registration plans for September include registration at the Deer Path Art Fair over Labor Day weekend, the Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale two weekends later and a day at Lake Forest High School. In order to have manageable time shifts, it takes a lot of volunteers. If you are a current deputy registrar and find a couple of spare hours, Pat Rounsaville would love to hear from you. If you would like to be trained to become a deputy registrar, let Pat know so we can keep a list and schedule a training session when we have enough interest.

Two candidate forums will be presented in October for candidates running for state and county offices. League members will be needed to assist at these events as timers, question sorters, and other small jobs. If you plan to attend, consider helping out that evening. If you are unable to attend, preparations for cablecasting of these meetings are being made.

A Voters Guide will be available mid-October containing responses to questions asked of candidates for state and county offices. This will be available to the community through the libraries and other designated sites as well as (hopefully) on our League website.

We also have board members working to update our community preschool booklet, participating on coalitions with other community groups regarding civility in public discourse and a healthier community partnership, and developing strategies for studying township government and presenting a consensus process for affordable senior housing.

In order to share our enthusiasm with the community and broaden our base of member support, our fall membership luncheon has been planned and the speaker is a dynamo! Board members have been challenged to send at least three names of potential new members to Linda Hinde so that we can send invitations to them for the luncheon. Will you help us reach out to members of our community and contact Linda with one or two names of your friends, neighbors or acquaintances. What a great way for you to help them keep up with what's happening in their community!

*Ann Hinde*

## KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

As many of you are aware, each year the LWV LF-LB presents the "Know Your Government Award" to the Lake Bluff eighth grader who achieves the highest score on the constitution test. Last spring the award went to Nicole Schuetz. Nicole is pictured below after receiving her award with her grandmother and long time League member Bea Mueller. Congratulations!



## COMING NEXT SPRING!

*May 14 -16, 1999*

LWVIL State Convention  
at the Holiday Inn in Matteson



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## CANDIDATE FORUMS

### October 7th, 7:00-9:30 pm

Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Rd, Lake Forest *Sponsored by the LWVLC*

7:00 - 8:30 County Races:

County Clerk: Linda Ianuzzi Hess  
Willard Helander

Sheriff: Gary Del Re  
Marlene Runyard

Treasurer: Lynda C. Paul  
Robert "Skid" Skidmore

8:45-9:30 59th District State Representative  
Susan Garrett  
Chris Stride



### October 15th, 7:30 pm

Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park  
*Co-sponsored by Highland Park LWV and LWV LF LB*

7:30 Ward 5 North Shore Sanitary District

8:00 60th District State Representative

Lauren Beth Gash  
James Bradner, Jr.

Followed by coffee hour.

Please join us to learn more about the candidates who will be on your ballots in November. League forums provide an excellent opportunity to meet candidates and to ask the questions which concern you.

## LOCAL VOTER REGISTRATION IS ACTIVE THIS FALL!

This fall the League is busy registering voters. In addition to having a booth at the art fair on the Labor Day weekend we will be registering voters at the following times and locations:

September 17 at 11:30 am at the New Comers Club at Shore Acres Country Club

September 18 and 19 from 10-4 at the Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale.

September 23 at Lake Forest High School in the cafeteria during lunch hours from 10-1.  
*(If you know any high school seniors who will be 18 on or before November 3rd encourage them to take i.d.s to school this day!)*

October 2 at Lake Forest Place at 10:00 am

And a note to all deputy registrars who register voters on your own. The last day to register voters for the November election is October 6.

## LWV-LAKE COUNTY EVENTS



## The Stop and Go of Lake County Traffic:

**Four Panelists Will Discuss Possible Solutions**

**Martin J. Buehler, P.E.** - Director/County Engineer  
*Lake County Division of Transportation*

**Peter Harmet** - Deputy Project Manager  
*Lake County Transportation Improvement Project*

**Rob Krebs** - Regional Land Use Coordinator  
*Openlands Project*

**Mike Truppa** - Policy Specialist  
*Environmental Law and Policy Center*

**Wednesday, September 16, 1998 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Gorton Community Center**  
**400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest**

For information, call Mary Mathews at (847) 295-1494 or Gail Feiger Brown at (847) 433-2093.

## Lake County Jail Tour

A tour of the Lake County Jail has been arranged for October 8, 1998 at 10:00 am. The LWVLC began monitoring the county jail about 20 years ago when the population was about 110. Today the jail population is 562. What is happening to account for this increase and are services at the jail keeping pace?

The League has always supported an adequate system of classification and identification of special needs of prisoners. This includes providing the opportunity for self-improvement through physical, spiritual and mental well-being. In general, the League endorses humane conditions in our jail for the benefit of both those housed there and the employees of the facility. Are there alternatives to incarceration available that would be more appropriate for some of the jail population?

If you are interested in this tour please call Linda Bartmes at 234-7096 by October 6.



## CONVENTION '98 SUMMARY

June 13-16, 1998

### SHARE THE SPIRIT

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS SUMMARY

- Convention '98 elected a new president, officers and board of directors for the LWVUS. President Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins of Colorado told participants: "My vision for the League of the 21st century is about making necessary transitions, about bringing us to the verge of greatness, about taking the next steps to fulfill the promise of our great organization." The convention also elected a Nominating Committee for the 1998-2000 biennium. At end of the four-day convention, the League's grassroots leaders from across the country paid tribute and bid farewell to 1992-98 LWVUS President Becky Cain and other retiring members of the board.
- The convention voted to continue the League's Making Democracy Work campaign as the 1998-2000 Issue for Emphasis, after adding full congressional voting representation for the District of Columbia as a component. Delegates also adopted all current Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy positions. The convention adopted a concurrence to add support for regulating firearms for consumer safety to the League's Gun Control position.
- The convention adopted the FY 1998-99 LWVUS budget with no amendments. Delegates approved a Per-Member Payment (PMP) of \$19 for FY 1998-99 and \$21 for FY 1999-2000.
- Bylaw amendments were adopted to allow for the use of communication vehicles other than mail for notification to LWVUS board members of meetings and to enable Inter-League Organizations (ILOs) to participate fully in the LWVUS program planning process.
- Participants spent an afternoon "Creating the Future" through Dialogue Sessions on the LWVUS Future Plan and an array of workshops focused on implementing the League's Diversity Plan.
- Convention speakers Bill Lann Lee, Anita Perez Ferguson and Freda Lewis-Hall contributed valuable perspectives and insights, accepting the convention's invitation to "share the spirit."

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

### BE A LOCAL OBSERVER!

Volunteers are still needed for the League Observer Corps. League observers provide an effective way of identifying issues and concerns at an immediate level (All politics is local) and can serve as sources for future study topics. Observers also help to establish and reinforce a "League presence" in our communities.

Our thanks to those who have already volunteered:

Linda Illes - Lake Forest Plan Commission  
 Kate Lyczko - Lake Bluff Village Board  
 Cindy Morehead - District 65 School Board  
 Bev Adamczyk - Alternate

However, we still need observers in Lake Bluff for the Plan Commission, the Zoning Board and the Park District and in Lake Forest for the City Council, the Zoning Board and the District 67 School Board. In addition we would like to have an observer at the District 115 High School Board and several more alternates.

To volunteer call Pauline Mohr, 234-5853 after September 23.



### John Porter Public Forums

Saturday, September 19  
 10:00 am - noon  
 Bannockburn School  
 2165 Telegraph Road

Saturday, October 24  
 10:00 am - noon  
 Buffalo Grove Village Hall  
 7 Raupp Boulevard

### VOLUNTEER FOR LWVIL

- For committee for state convention May 14-16, 1999. Call Chair Diane Sanderson, LWV Carpentersville-Dundee, for more info, 426-6958.
- Join the LWV Illinois Board until state convention in May. To find out what jobs are available, call LWVIL President Jan Flapan, (312) 951-1234.
- Represent the League on a new group to work on better education on issues of judicial merit. Law degree helpful but not required. Call Jan Flapan for more info.
- For Civics Education Task Force. What do your schools teach? Call Jean Brink, (708) 848-0047.
- Help to market *Making Your Voice Heard*, a soon to be published pamphlet for those who've never contacted a public official.



### GREAT DECISIONS

The interest group, Great Decisions, will resume meeting in September, after an August hiatus, to discuss the last three topics in the Foreign Policy Association Study Guide.

October 9 - CUBA:  
 Time to rethink U.S.  
 Strategy?



November 13 - FI-  
 NANCING DEVELOPMENT: Time for a  
 new look? and RELIGION'S ROLE IN  
 WORLD AFFAIRS: Challenges for the  
 U.S.?

Meetings begin at 1:00 pm at Betty Buker's,  
 485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3, Lake Forest.

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## Fall Calendar

### September

- 16 LWVLC Board Meeting, Gorton, 10:00 am
- 16 LWVLC Forum: **THE STOP AND GO OF LAKE COUNTY TRAFFIC**, Gorton, 7:00 pm
- 17 Voter Registration: New Comers Club, 11:30 am
- 18,19 Voter Registration: Friends of the Lake Forest Library Book Sale, 10-4
- 23 Voter Registration: LFHS cafeteria, 10:00 am -1:00 pm

### October

- 2 Membership Luncheon, Joan Kaltsas', 11:30 am
- 2 Voter Registration: Lake Forest Place, 10:00 am
- 7 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 7 CANDIDATES FORUM, Gorton, 7:00-9:30 pm
- 7 October *League Lines* deadline
- 8 Lake County Jail Tour, 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 9 Great Decisions, CUBA, 1:00 pm
- 15 CANDIDATES FORUM, Highland Park Community House, 7:30 pm,

### November

- 3 General Election
- 4 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 11 LWVLC Forum: Lake County Forest Preserve District - New Property, Gorton, 12:00 pm
- 13 Great Decisions: **FINANCING DEVELOPMENT and RELIGION**, 1:00 PM

### December

- 2 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 10 Holiday Luncheon



# League Lines

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## Welcome New Members!

Kathryn Kaiser  
Lake Forest

Happie Datt  
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Lake Forest

Beverly Nelson  
Lake Bluff

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Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden  
Wadsworth

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Election Day will soon be here. The voter service and voter registration chairmen I think are the happiest board members to see the election process conclude. Thanks to their efforts citizens had the opportunity to register or change their registration to be able to participate in the election. Candidates forums were held and a voters guide has been prepared for distribution in the community. Please take advantage of these resources. The tapings of the forums will be shown on Channel 19 until the election. Many thanks to all Leaguers who made these activities possible and to the candidates who participated.

Your help is needed in two matters. Pauline Mohr has been working to reactivate the Observer Corps for us. We are hoping to have League members serve as observers of ten local governing bodies. Presently we have four observers committed to attend meetings and report proceedings back to us. We still need observers for: Lake Forest High School District 115, Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Bluff Zoning Board, Lake Bluff Park District, Lake Forest City Council and Lake Forest Zoning Board. The importance of the Observer Corps is that their reports help keep us abreast of the decisions that affect our lives each and every day and they also can alert us to potential issues for League involvement on either an educational or partisan/political basis. Please consider serving as an observer or alternate for one of these boards.

The second way you can help us is to send in your membership renewal if you haven't already done so. If you have, many thanks for your support. We are delighted to have several new members and hope to have a high retention of returning members. Give Linda Hinde some much needed spare time and renew before she has to send you a reminder!

We are working on several interesting projects involving citizen participation. As part of the LWV of Illinois Civics Education Task Force, we will be surveying local schools on civics education activities and class content. In a recent survey done by the National

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Lisa Dietrich	735-1813
Ann Hamlin	234-9042



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont from pg 1)

Constitution Center, they found: 600 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17 surveyed: 41% could name the three branches of government, but 59% could name the Three Stooges; 75% could name the city that Bart Simpson lives in (Springfield), but only 12% knew where Abraham Lincoln lived; 95% could name the actor who played the Fresh Prince of Bel Air, but only 2% could name the chief justice of the United States. We'll share our findings with you.

Plans are underway to hold a public dialogue on the future of Medicare with citizens in our community. This program is part of a project sponsored by the League of Women Voters Education Fund and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation which seeks to enable a public voice to be heard on the issue of Medicare reform by the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. This commission has been appointed by President Clinton and Congress to make recommendations on whether and how to change Medicare. This forum will not be an overview of the Medicare program or give details about how it works; rather we will focus on possible Medicare reforms and provide questions for citizens to consider about each reform option. At the end of the meeting a questionnaire will be completed by the group and the results will be included with research findings from focus groups and a nationwide survey to represent a public voice on Medicare reform. Details will be sent to you either in the next newsletter or by special mailing.

At the 1998 annual meeting, League members voted unanimously to develop a consensus procedure without a formal study in the fall of 1998 on the issue of affordable senior housing in the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. We will conduct this process in the next couple months. Watch your mail for information on this, too.

In December our League will be co-sponsoring a Community Information Forum with City of Lake Forest regarding Home Rule. The date has been moved back to Wednesday, December 2 at Deerpath Elementary School in the Baggett Room, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Background information on home rule will be in the next newsletter.

Please remember and remind friends and neighbors to vote on November 3.

*Ann Hollis*



*A special thanks to Joan Kaltsas for opening her inviting home to the members for the luncheon on October 2. And thanks to the board members who contributed the wonderful lunch!*

## GET THE LATEST INFO ON THE STATE CANDIDATES!

Check out Illinois Voters Online, a brand new web site from the League of Women Voters at:

**[www.dnet.org/il](http://www.dnet.org/il)**

Learn about candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor/Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Comptroller. Need help? Your librarian is happy to assist you.

Click on:

To see:

☐ THE CANDIDATES

- ✓ issue grids that show candidates' position statements
- ✓ biographical information and endorsements
- ✓ descriptions of the offices
- ✓ email forms to contact the candidates

☐ BALLOT MEASURES

- ✓ info on the proposed constitutional amendment that will appear on the ballot

☐ YOUR VIEWS

- ✓ exchange views with candidates & other citizens

☐ VOTING INFO

- ✓ info on registration, absentee voting and polling places

☐ CAMPAIGN FINANCE

- ✓ check out the money behind the campaigns

☐ MEDIA

- ✓ link to state & national news coverage of all the races in Illinois

☐ COOL LINKS

- ✓ link to information on voting records, debates & other events, and lots more election info

☐ YOUR GOVERNMENT

- ✓ link to state & national government web sites and sites for political parties



## STATE PROGRAM PRIORITIES

### Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children

The League has launched a campaign to prevent violence in the lives of children and actively works in the legislative arena to:

- Support public policy programs such as Early Start and Healthy Families Illinois
- Support gun control measures
- Support a balanced approach to juvenile justice

### Making Democracy Work

The League promotes efforts to create healthier communities through strengthening citizen participation in government, with an emphasis on campaign finance reform, selectively working on legislation to:

- Support improved methods of financing political campaigns
- Oppose measures that would restrict access to the polls
- Protect NVRA ("Motor Voter")

### Other Targets for Action

- Social Policy
- Child Welfare
- Fiscal Policy
- Women's Issues/Civil Rights
- Reproductive Choice
- Mental Health Reform
- School Funding
- Pesticide/Waste Management
- Criminal Justice
- Health Care

**USEFUL INTERNET ADDRESSES**

*The following list of web sites was included with the packets of curriculum materials for Illinois Students Vote. We're including it in this League Lines as many of the addresses allow you to access information about statewide candidates and other election related activities from your home computer or library.*

All addresses should be preceded by **http://**.

General addresses for finding sites:

[www.info.gov/](http://www.info.gov/)

[www.fedworld.gov](http://www.fedworld.gov)

[www.congress.nw.dc.us/aarp/](http://www.congress.nw.dc.us/aarp/) e-mail addresses

Educational Resources:

[www.agsc.ucdavis.edu/polinet/elections/twv](http://www.agsc.ucdavis.edu/polinet/elections/twv) election activities for the classroom

[www.azstarnet.com/~nspme](http://www.azstarnet.com/~nspme) National Student Parent Mock Election information

[www.dailysouthtown.com](http://www.dailysouthtown.com) click on Headbone Zone (navigate to education/lz and Auggie go to the polls/teachers guide/using Derby in the classroom/pick grade level)

[www.sau.edu/CWIS/Internet/Wild/Refdesk/Voter/votindex.htm](http://www.sau.edu/CWIS/Internet/Wild/Refdesk/Voter/votindex.htm) sites for research

E-mail addresses of officials:

[president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov) President Bill Clinton

[vice.president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:vice.president@whitehouse.gov) Vice-president Al Gore

[senator@moseley-braun.senate.gov](mailto:senator@moseley-braun.senate.gov) Senator Carol Moseley Braun

[dick@durbin.senate.gov](mailto:dick@durbin.senate.gov) Senator Dick Durbin

Website addresses for Illinois candidates:Senator:

[www.moseley-braun98.com](http://www.moseley-braun98.com) (Carol Moseley-Braun)

[www.fitzgerald98.org](http://www.fitzgerald98.org) (Peter Fitzgerald)

Governor, Lieutenant Governor

[www.poshard.com](http://www.poshard.com) (Glenn Poshard)

[www.georgeryan.org](http://www.georgeryan.org) (George Ryan)

Secretary of State

[www.jessewhite.com](http://www.jessewhite.com) (Jesse White)

[www.alsalvi.com](http://www.alsalvi.com) (Al Salvi)

Comptroller

[www.friendsofdan.com](http://www.friendsofdan.com) (Dan Hynes)

Candidates Campaign Finance Reports:

[www.ilcampaign.org/](http://www.ilcampaign.org/)

[www.campaignfinance.org/data/illinois/ill9497.html](http://www.campaignfinance.org/data/illinois/ill9497.html)

[www.campaignfinance.org/data/illinois/cpi29596.html](http://www.campaignfinance.org/data/illinois/cpi29596.html)

**INTERNET GUIDE, (CONT).**Candidate Guides/Information:

[www.vote-smart.org/](http://www.vote-smart.org/) tracks the performance of elected political leaders, state and national  
[www.dnet.org/IL](http://www.dnet.org/IL) League Of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund online voters guide  
[www.voterinfo.net](http://www.voterinfo.net) Voters Guide for Candidates in Cook County

State of Illinois:

[www.state.il.us/](http://www.state.il.us/)  
[www.state.il.us/kids/gov/](http://www.state.il.us/kids/gov/) Great site for young kids about the Edgars, their dog, the mansion, how the governor spends his day.  
[www.library.sos.state.il.us/about/about.html](http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/about/about.html)\_\_\_\_  
[www.sos.state.il.us](http://www.sos.state.il.us) Sec of state, also kid sites  
[www.state.il.us/legis/](http://www.state.il.us/legis/) General Assembly  
  
[www.cpl.lib.uic.edu/008subject/006govinfo/local.html](http://www.cpl.lib.uic.edu/008subject/006govinfo/local.html) Chicago, Cook County, Illinois info

Legislative branch of government:

[www.state.il.us/legis/default.htm](http://www.state.il.us/legis/default.htm)\_\_

Illinois Democratic web sites

[www.housedem.state.il.us](http://www.housedem.state.il.us)  
[www.senatedem.state.il.us](http://www.senatedem.state.il.us)

Illinois Republican sites:

[www.fastlane.net/~weide/ilgop.shtml](http://www.fastlane.net/~weide/ilgop.shtml) (not an official site)  
[www.ilgop.org](http://www.ilgop.org)

Media Sites:

[www.wgntv.com](http://www.wgntv.com) WGN Television  
[www.abctelevision.com/](http://www.abctelevision.com/) ABC Television  
[www.cbc.com](http://www.cbc.com) CBS Television  
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[www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com) Chicago Tribune Newspaper  
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[www.daily.southtown.com](http://www.daily.southtown.com) Daily Southtown Newspaper  
[www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) classroom ideas and kids sites  
[www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/campaigns/keyraces](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/campaigns/keyraces) Washington Post Politics, Illinois Governor: Links  
& Resources Key sites for voting and election information, candidates positions on the issues, state government links, campaign finance law guidelines and more coverage of the race. ElectNet Illinois covers both Senate and gubernatorial elections with periodic updates and includes links to incumbent officials, candidates and other state political Web sites.

*After the election has passed, please remember that legislation continues. To keep abreast of upcoming legislation on the hill visit [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), the National League web site.*



**VOTE**  
NOVEMBER 3

# CANDIDATE FORUMS, DEBATES AND COMMUNITY FORUMS...

## October 15th, 7:30

Highland Park Community House, 1991  
Sheridan Rd, Highland Park  
Co-sponsored by Highland Park LWV  
and LWV LF-LB

7:30 Ward 5 North Shore  
Sanitary District

8:00 60th District State  
Representative:  
Lauren Beth Gash  
James Bradner, Jr.

Followed by coffee hour.



## October 17th, am

GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE  
The LWVIL Education Fund is  
sponsoring a debate between the  
Democratic and Republican  
candidates for governor on CBS-  
Channel 2. The debate is being  
taped Friday evening, October 16  
and will air Saturday morning,  
October 17 on Channel 2. Check  
the time in your local tv guide!

## Come to the Lake County START EARLY COMMUNITY FORUM

Help Make a  
Better Future for Children



Tuesday, October 20  
7:00 PM

Libertyville Civic Center, 135 West Church Street  
At Milwaukee and Church, Libertyville, IL



Learn how our candidates answer some of these questions:

- How can we improve the quality of early education and child care?
- what can we do to increase child care options for low-income families?
- How should Illinois assist parents in their role as the child's first teacher?

Talk with neighbors and with our elected officials and candidates about ways we can help all children grow up well educated, safe, well nurtured and healthy.

This meeting is one of a series of *START EARLY COMMUNITY FORUMS* being held around the state. The Child Care Coalition of Lake County, Women for Women Children and the League of Women Voters are sponsoring this Lake County forum to bring people together to talk about the challenges facing our children, families and communities.

For more information, please contact the Coalition at 847-604-4405.

## UPCOMING PANEL DISCUSSION - SAVE THE DATE!

The League of Women Voters of Highland Park presents

### DEFLECTING VIOLENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN: PANEL DISCUSSION

November 11, 7:30 pm  
Highland Park Community House  
1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park

### GREAT DECISIONS

The interest group, Great Decisions, concludes this years topics on November 13 with FINANCING DEVELOPMENT: Time for a new look? and RELIGION'S ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS: Challenges for the U.S.?



The meeting begins at 1:00 pm at Betty Buken's, 485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A3, Lake Forest.

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### OCTOBER CABLE SCHEDULE

See the Programs you couldn't attend!  
LFTV - Channel 19

The LWVLC's October 7th Candidate Forum will be rebroadcast through November 2 on Fridays at 6:00 pm, Saturdays at 2:00 pm, Sundays at 11:00 am and Mondays at 8:00 am.

In addition, the very well attended LWVLC forum on traffic, Stop and Go of Lake County Traffic - Possible Solutions will air Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, Saturdays at 9:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm.

If you or any of your friends were unable to attend these forums this is a great way to stay informed.

Thank you, Deputy Registrars, for all your time and energy registering voters this fall!

Working at the Deerpath Art Fair on September 6th and 7th in Market Square, Lake Forest were Linda Hinde, Pat Rounsaville, Julia Shakelford, Bea Mueller, Jan Snobrich, Char Kreuz, Eleanor Knight, Chris Moses, Margaret Haffner, Neil Sherman, Judy Grisamore and Diane Lloyd.

And the Library Book Sale (September 18th and 19th) at West Park in Lake Forest was covered by Joan Kaltsas, Phyllis Albrecht, Anne Csar, Bev Adamczyk, Joan Toole, Arlene Loepp, Julia Shakelford, Elaine Slayton and Diane Lloyd.

Pat Rounsaville registered voters at a Newcomers Luncheon on September 17th at Shore Acres Country Club in Lake Bluff.

Bev Adamczyk and Elaine Slayton sought out 18 year olds to register at Lake Forest High School on September 23rd.

And voters were registered at Lake Forest Place on October 2 by Eleanor Knight and Char Kreuz.

Thanks. With all the combined effort you can see that we made a strong and broad effort to get citizens registered to vote for November 3!



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### Fall Calendar

#### October

- 15 CANDIDATES FORUM, Highland Park Community House, 7:30 pm
- 17 LWVIL Gubernatorial Debate, am (check your local tv guide)
- 20 Start Early Community Forum, Libertyville Civic Center, 7:00 pm

#### November

- 3 General Election
- 9 LWV LF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 11 LWVLC Forum: Lake County Forest Preserve District - New Property, Gorton, 12:00 pm
- 11 LWVHP: Deflecting Violence in the Lives of Children, HP Community House, 7:30 pm
- 13 Great Decisions: FINANCING DEVELOPMENT and RELIGION, 1:00 PM

#### December

- 2 LWV LF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 2 COMMUNITY FORUM: Home Rule for Lake Forest?, Deerpath Elementary School, 7:00 pm
- 10 Holiday Luncheon



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# League Lines

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## Medicare Reform

Tuesday, November 17th

1:30 - 3:00 pm

Lake Forest Place

Participate in a Survey on the State of Health Care.

This local LWVLF•LB event is part of a nationwide effort to hear the views of citizens, and present their priorities to the policymakers responsible for recommending Medicare reforms. The reform options you select as a group will be forwarded to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare appointed by the President and Congress. You will hear the opinions of other citizens and complete a group questionnaire. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Kaiser Foundation, this session will be one of more than 500 nationwide. The results of our session will be included in a final report given to the Medicare Commission in January 1999.



## Panel Discussion on Home Rule Scheduled for December 2

Baggett Room, Deerpath Elementary School 7:00 - 9:00 pm

The City of Lake Forest has asked the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff to co-sponsor a panel discussion regarding the impact of home rule on a community such as Lake Forest. Lake Forest currently operates under a special charter and is a non-home rule community.

Any community with a population of at least 25,000 automatically has home rule status. In a community with fewer than 25,000 people, home rule is established only by referendum. In such a community, state and county powers usually dominate. Lake Forest's current population is about 18,600, and the

City would have to go to referendum in order to establish home rule.

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Home Rule is a form of local governance. By having home rule status, residents bring more authority to local government officials. This enables local governments to tailor local solutions to local concerns. With home rule status, a community has greater flexibility in controlling its finances, passing and implementing local ordinances, and adjusting local rule to be appropriate with community needs and desires.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an exciting election we've just had in Illinois. For me the best part was interest in a local campaign which encouraged spirited campaigning and high voter turnout in a non-presidential election year. After taking a deep breath we need to start looking forward to the spring elections!

In this issue we have included the new Nonpartisan Political Policy adopted at the November board meeting. The revision process conducted over the past few months involved discussion during board meetings as well as consultation with the LWVIL and other local leagues. Within the policy are guidelines for the general membership and for board members. It is important that all members of the League be aware of the efforts taken by this organization to ensure its nonpartisan status in the community.

There are several opportunities available for you to participate decision-making at the local and national level. A community dialogue on the future of Medicare will be held at Lake Forest Place on November 17th. This is an opportunity for you to voice your opinions regarding various options for changing the Medicare program. The findings we gather from this group will be added to those from groups across the county to form a Public Voice Report on Medicare produced by the League of Women Voters Education Fund and presented in January 1999, to the National Bipartisan Commission of the Future of Medicare. Take advantage of this opportunity to join your voice with thousands across the country on a very important issue.

At the local level, a panel, discussing home rule considerations for Lake Forest, co-sponsored with the City of Lake Forest will be presented on December 2nd. Come hear what home rule is and its implications for citizens and the municipal government. This program will be cablecast on Channel 19.

For fun...the holiday luncheon will be held on December 10th at St. James Lutheran Church on Waukegan Road. This is our third annual luncheon which has been a wonderful opportunity to enjoy League friends and friendships. If you've not been able to attend in the past, please try to come this year. We promise you an entertaining afternoon with good food and a stimulating presentation by book reviewer, Barbara Rinella. Invite your friends to join us for this!

*Ann Hollis*

## Home Rule *(continued from page 1)*

To help educate the community on home rule and to present the different viewpoints that have become evident in other Illinois communities that have been explored on this subject, the following panel will be presented:

Dr. James M. Banovetz, Northern Illinois University, Professor and Director of Public Administration  
Dr. Richard F. Dye, Lake Forest College, Ernest A. Johnson Professor of Economics  
Mr. Victor Fillippini, Municipal Attorney, Burke, Weaver & Prell, Chicago  
Dr. Michael T. Peddle, Northern Illinois University, Professor of Public Finance and Public Administration  
Mr. Robert Franz, Village Manager of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois

Their discussion will include an overview of home rule, impact on citizens, legal aspects, public finance, municipal implications and specific examples from a home rule community (Deerfield, which has had home rule since 1976).

As of 1996, 70% of Illinois residents live under home rule status. Among Illinois communities having home rule, approximately 55% were through voter referendum. Lake County communities operating under home rule include Deerfield, Highland Park, Lincolnshire, North Chicago, Park City, Waukegan. Other area communities having home rule include Evanston, Glenview, Northbrook, Skokie, South Barrington and Wilmette. Citizens in Lake Zurich (IL) and Zion (IL) were asked to vote on referenda for home rule in their communities in the past election on November 3, 1998. The proposals in both communities were defeated.

### Basics of Home Rule:

- Provided for in 1970 Illinois Constitution Permits broad powers unless preempted by State statutes.
- Most powers are for local regulation.
- Cannot supersede state regulations, can supersede county regulation.
- Cannot impact motor vehicle code, licensing, or state road use
- Permits up to 2% additional local sales tax, in 1/4% increments, not on food & drugs
- Permits added business fees, providing they are for regulation & not revenue
- Removes restrictions on hotel & entertainment taxes
- Provides no new controls outside the city or adjacent to it.
- Does not permit establishing fees for other taxing bodies (schools & libraries)
- Does not permit outlawing existing businesses or uses.

Please join us to learn more on December 2.



### *Watch the mail for your personal invitation to our third annual Holiday Luncheon!*

This year's affair will feature Barbara Rinella's book review of Kay Graham's bestselling autobiography. Her life and motto: "Function in Disaster, Finish in Style."

Also returning to our holiday luncheon, by popular acclaim, is the book nook. Lake Forest Bookstore will offer a gift selection, including books recommended by our fabulous guest artist. Please bring your shopping list because 10% of the sales will be donated to the League. Festive table centerpieces will also be available for purchase.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 10, at 11:30. The catered luncheon and book review will be at St. James Church. \$20 per person. Baby-sitting provided by reservation. RSVP to Mary Jane Wolter, 234-2573, by December 4th.



**League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff  
NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY**

**I. Statement of Policy**

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League is a nonpartisan political organization, nonpartisan in that it never supports or opposes any candidate or political party; political in that it does act on those governmental issues selected by its members and on which a position has been reached through study and member agreement.

**II. Rationale**

The League of Women Voters must be nonpartisan so that:

- its position on an issue can be readily accepted as unbiased and independent;
- it will not be obligated to any political party or faction;
- it can seek solutions in the public interest on the basis of fresh inquiry and objective study;
- its voter service work will have wide public acceptance and trust;
- League membership will appeal to individuals of varying political views.

**III. Guidelines for the General Membership**

The League believes that participation in the activities of our political parties is an essential ingredient of citizen responsibility, and urges its members to work in the party of their choice. Accordingly, all members, other than the President, Voter Service Chair and Voter Registration Chair are encouraged to participate in any political party or governmental activity, provided that they act as individuals and not in the name of the League. When a League member is acting in the name of the League, that member shall refrain from any partisan display or action of party affiliation or politics.

**IV. Guidelines for Board Members****A. Public Office, Boards, Commissions, Committees**

The President, Voter Service and Voter Registration Chair shall not run for or hold an elected public office nor accept appointment to a public board, commission or committee. When a board member decides to run for, to hold or to accept a public office, that member must notify the board. If a conflict between the official position of the League should arise prior to or during the term of office, the League Board shall review the conflict and decide upon a course of action which shall be in the best interest of the League. This review may consider the visibility and duration of the activity, the sensitivity of the member's League role, the extent to which the member is publicly identified with the League and an assessment of the community climate.

**B. Support of Candidates for Public Office**

Individual Board Members may support candidates of their choice, as long as they do so as individuals and not in the name of the League. However, because of the nature of their positions, the President, Voter Service Chair and Voter Registration Chair may not publicly support any candidate, such as signing endorsement statements intended for publication, or sponsoring special functions for the candidate.

**C. Public Issues**

Board members are free on their own behalf to sign petitions or otherwise speak publicly for or against an issue. The President may speak in conflict with a League position, even as an individual. However, during the study of an issue and before a League position has been reached, all members speaking in the name of the League should refrain from making any public statements for or against the issue. After the League position has been reached, the President or a designated representative may speak or testify publicly at meetings or hearings only in agreement with the League position, and not in disagreement with it. No petitions may be circulated during any League meetings. Petitions are in support of League positions. The President has the responsibility of assuring that any other petitions are not presented as having League support.

**D. Employment**

The board shall evaluate and resolve any questions of conflicts of interest arising from a board member's employment.

**E. Resignations**

If a Board Member chooses to engage in political activity beyond the extent deemed to be in the best interest of the League, the board may ask for that member's resignation.

**F. Honoraria**

Honoraria received by board members shall accrue to the LWV-LF/LB or the LWV- LF/LB Education Fund.

**V. Interpretation**

The League has an obligation to be sensitive to any possibility of community perception of League bias or League candidate support. In situations not specifically covered in this policy statement, each member should use discretion, keeping in mind the reasons for and the spirit of the League's nonpartisan character. The ultimate responsibility for the interpretation of this policy rests with the Board of Directors.

**VI. Annual Review of Nonpartisan Political Policy**

A Nonpartisan Political Policy Committee, appointed by the President, shall be responsible for the annual review of this policy.

## LWV LC Noon Forum

The date has been changed, but the program remains the same!

The League of Women Voters of Lake County's **Noon Forum on the Forest Preserve Spring Referendum** will be November 18, 1998 at the Gorton Community Center. Jan Gellimore from the Forest Preserve District and Pam Newton, V.P. of the Forest Preserve District will speak.

Please attend the forum to learn more about our county's natural treasures.



The Lake Forest Lake Bluff Pre-school Guide has just been updated and is current!

The preschool guide is available for purchase at the Gorton Community Center.

## Preschool Study Starts Next

Bev Adamczyk and Ann Hamlin will co-chair the Township Government Study. The study will begin in January.



## Welcome to our newest member!

Mary McClenahan Fielding  
Lake Bluff

## Thank you. Thank you...

Frequently, our members and others in the community come forward to help the League accomplish its work. But this last month stands out with the pouring forth of resources, time and talent. Please join us in commending the following:

Kudos for a job well done!

Thank you Julia Fiske and Diane Lloyd for the outstanding Voter's Guide for the November 3rd election. Julia put the thorough and intelligent guide together and Diane secured the underwriting. And the community benefited from access to information about the candidates.

Thank you Northern Trust Bank for the generous funding which not only made our Voter's Guide possible, but also enabled its breadth and broad distribution.

Peg Heldring deserves special notice for the detailed work of revising and updating our local preschool guide. The guide is a great service to the young families in the community.

And thank you to all of you who worked on election day in your various capacities at the polls either as individuals or for the benefit of the League.



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### Fall Calendar

#### November

- 11 LWVHP: Deflecting Violence in the Lives of Children, HP Community House, 7:30 pm
- 13 ~~General Conference - 11am-2pm, LWVLC District Council, 1:00 pm~~
- 18 LWVLC Forum: Lake County Forest Preserve District - New Property, Gorton, 12:00 pm

#### December

- 2 LWV LF-LB Board Meeting, Gorton, 9:30am
- 2 COMMUNITY FORUM: Home Rule for Lake Forest?, Deerpath Elementary School, 7:00 pm
- 10 Holiday Luncheon, St. James Lutheran Church, 11:30 am

#### And looking into the future...

- LWVIL Legislative Briefing in Chicago on February 13
- LWVIL Convention! May 14-16 in Lisle



# League Lines

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## LWVIL PROGRAM PLANNING WORKING LUNCH

The State League Convention convenes this spring, but the planning is already underway. Our membership has a say in the direction LWVIL takes for the next two years. The center insert of this newsletter is a summary of the LWVIL Program. The state League wants to hear our opinion about the current positions. We are responding to the state league as a group. To help come to a group consensus and prepare our response we have scheduled a working lunch at Gocky's on January 25, at 11:00 am for all our membership to sift through the program. Please read the enclosed summary and join fellow leaguers in contributing to state's focus

January 25, 1999 • Gocky's, 11:00 am • \$13.00

call Ann at 295-2463

## PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS SEEKS FACILITATORS FOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS

*Partners for Progress* is a community partnership of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood. (Janet Nelson has been serving as our LWVLF-LB liaison with PFP.) The Steering Committee is planning a series of meetings to bring together 200 - 300 community members, who will talk about these communities, gain new insights from one another, and plan for the future. These citizens will become the "Partners". Each meeting will include information and interactive discussions designed to give an overall view of the three communities as they exist and to identify areas for further research. The intention is to form a network - not a club.

All of these meetings will be held at the LF Recreation Dept. from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on the following dates: April 7, May 13, June 2, July 12, August 5 and September 1.

PFP needs table facilitators as part of these meetings will include small, interactive group work. Facilitators will need to attend an hour before and after to prepare and assess the meetings. Training will be provided for the facilitators by a trained facilitator, Gruffie Clough.

Having facilitators is an opportunity for League presence in the community and being a facilitator is an excellent personal opportunity for individual members. The facilitator training takes place February 4, 1999, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are interested or want more information contact Ann at 295-2463 by January 28th.

Due to enthusiastic response and at the request of the LF • LB Senior Center we are repeating our November Program:

Medicare Reform  
January 21, 1999  
Gorton Community Center:  
Community Room  
9:00 am

Come for a lively, interactive, opinion survey.

## Local Legislative Interviews!

January 22, 1999

Gorton Community Center

11:00 -12:00 am

with **Terry Link and Susan Garrett**

Join us for to converse with our representatives on issues of importance to the League and our community (before they're busy in session).



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 1999 to you all! The board has come up with a solution for the after-holiday winter doldrums - lots of opportunities for you to voice your opinion, to learn what's happening in our community, and to take an active role in studies for the League and the community.

This edition of the newsletter is packed with upcoming opportunities. Of particular note is the facilitator training offered by the Partners for Progress. The League has been involved with this partnership from its initial meeting and supports its efforts. If you consider the backing for the focus item of sustainable communities at the last national LWV convention, the direction of this group is definitely League-oriented. The workshop for facilitation is a rare opportunity which I encourage you to consider.

The Medicare Reform forum presented at Lake Forest Place in November was very well received. About forty persons attended and participated in a nationwide consensus gathering effort spearheaded by the LWVUS. To our delight we were asked to make an encore presentation at the Senior Center at Gorton on January 21. If you were not able to attend our first session, consider coming out for this repeat performance.

We are still planning the logistics of the legislative interview with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Susan Garrett. This is an opportunity for the League to present to our state representatives issues of importance at the state level and hopefully we'll hear their priorities and concerns for the upcoming legislative session.

This is the year we have the opportunity to give recommendations regarding how we would like the State League to use its resources for influencing public policy in Illinois. The first step in the State Program Planning Process is for each individual league to review existing positions and to make recommendations to retain, restudy (or update) or drop a position. We are also asked to consider new items including four ideas submitted by other leagues (Charter Schools Study/Barrington LWV; Charter Schools Study/ Wheaton LWV; Large Livestock Facilities Concurrence/ Jackson County LWV; and Proportional Representation Study/Chicago LWV). Arrangements have been made with Gocky's Roadside Lodge (176 and Waukegan Road in Lake Bluff) for us to meet, eat and come to resolution. This is for all League members to voice their priorities. Please set aside this date and share your thoughts with us.

Finally, many thanks to those who helped with programs this past fall: to Carol Gilbert for her assistance on the Medicare Reform presentation; to Phyllis Allbrecht and Alice Flaherty for their participation moderating and videotaping the Home Rule Panel Discussion; and to Mary Jane Wolter and Elaine Slayton for their efforts making our holiday luncheon very special.

Ann Hollis

Our newly revised Lake Forest • Lake Bluff Preschool and Child Care Directory is hot off the press! Copies are available at the Gorton Community Center.

## NEWS FROM THE LAKE COUNTY LEAGUE...

County Board Representative Carol Spielman and Jan Gellimore from the Forest Preserve District spoke on the upcoming April 13, 1999 Referendum, at our November forum. Citizens will be asked to support a \$55 million referendum for land acquisition, restoration and improvements. The need for balanced growth of development and Forest Preserve lands was stressed.

Passage of the referendum would enable further preservation and restoration of wildlife habitats; wetlands, lakes and rivers forests and prairies; trail and greenway corridors; and large refuges. It would also provide and protect flood control, outdoor recreation, and cleaner air and water. Creation and improvement of trails as well as public access to lakes and rivers would be included also.

This is an ideal time to invest in the future while land is still available and interest rates are at record lows according to our speakers. The cost to homeowners would be roughly \$9.15 per \$100,000 of a home's market value. Friends of the Forest Preserve is spearheading formation of a coalition of referendum supporters which the LWVLC will join.

Our next forum is January 13, 1999, at noon, with a panel on Violence and Women.

## 1999 GREAT DECISIONS

WHEN : February 12, 1999 1:00 pm.

WHERE : Betty Baker's 485 Oakwood Av., Apt. A5 L.F.

Great Decisions meets the second Friday of the month, beginning in February when the new Foreign Policy Association briefing book is available. The conversion of the Great Decisions program is the FPA book, prepared by FPA editors.

Available each January, the book analyzes eight vital topics of interest to Americans. Each article provides background, policy options for the U.S., recommended readings, discussion questions, illustrations, and maps. Videos prepared by FPA editors are a useful supplement.

### Topics for 1999 are:

- I. The Information Age: New Dimensions For U.S. Foreign Policy.
- II. The Asian Financial Crisis: The I.M.F. and Its Critics.
- III. Japan: The Shadow of the Miracle.
- IV. Weapons of Mass Destruction: Re-emerging Threat?
- V. Central Asia Pressure Cooker: The Caspian Basin & Iran.
- VI. Implementing NATO enlargement: Difficult Choices Ahead.
- VII. Latin America: A Broad Overview.
- VIII. U.S. Role in the Z.U.N.: A Changing Dynamic?



Great Decisions is sponsored by L.F.L.B. League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women. Guests and friends are welcome. No need to call if you can not come, come when you can.

Briefing Books are available in late January and usually cost \$12.00.

Call Diane Lloyd 615-9182

**We're on line! You can add our local website to your League address book!**

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[www.ilcampaign.org](http://www.ilcampaign.org)

National League: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

We also have a new e.mail address: [lwvllfb@nsn.org](mailto:lwvllfb@nsn.org)



## Call to Convention

The 48th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Lisle, Illinois on May 15 & 16, 1999.

We are looking forward to an interesting, exciting and fun-filled convention!

Also note that a leadership workshop will be offered all day on Friday, May 14th. At this time workshops on diversity, lobbying and website design are definite. Other options include -- moderator training, marketing/PR, Ed fund -- IRS rules, and current program issues such as healthcare.



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## Calendar

### January

- 6 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Lake Bluff Public Library, 9:30 am
- 13 LWVLC Noon Forum: Women in Violence, Gorton, 12:00
- 21 Medicare Reform Program, Gorton, 9:00 am
- 22 Legislative Interview
- 25 State Program Planning Working Lunch, Gocky's, 11:00 am

### February

- 1 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, Ann Hollis', 9:30 am
- 3 Deadline for February *League Lines*
- 4 Partners for Progress Facilitator Training, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 12 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 13 LWVIL Legislative Briefing, Chicago

### March

- 3 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, 9:30 am
- 10 LWVLC Noon Forum, Gorton
- 12 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm

### April

- 7 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, 9:30 am

### May

- 12 LWVLF-LB Annual Meeting
- 14-16 LWVIL Convention
- 19 LWVLC Convention, Lake County Museum

**STATUS OF THE STATE  
SUMMARY OF LWVIL PROGRAM  
November 1998**

For complete positions see *Where We Stand*

**GOVERNMENT**

**CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AND AMENDMENTS**

Support for League positions to implement, amend and uphold the 1970 Illinois Constitution.

**Recent League Activity**

The League supported a proposed constitutional amendment to add two citizens, selected by the governor, as members of the Illinois Courts Commission. The proposal was approved by the voters on November 3, 1998.

**Outlook**

Suggestions to combine the offices of the state comptroller and state treasurer and to eliminate the office of lieutenant governor are still being discussed. If the League wishes to act on these proposals, a review and possible restudy of the issues will be necessary. Merit selection of judges is another issue which might be raised in the General Assembly's next session. A constitutional amendment to change the state's procedures for remapping legislative districts could result from work of the reestablished Illinois Redistricting Commission (see State Redistricting).

**II. COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE**

Support for expanded citizen initiative powers to address county government structure and support for changes in the Illinois County Executive Act.

**Recent League Activity:** None

**III. CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Support for improved criminal justice procedures and alternatives to incarceration.

**Recent League Activity**

The League worked successfully to retain penalties for carrying a gun and to prohibit sexual activities between staff and offenders under their control. The League reviewed proposals offered by the Prison Management Reform Committee and offered recommendations for a more balanced approach to criminal justice.

The League works with such organizations as Restorative Justice Illinois and the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association. In order to gain information, the League attends symposia and observes meetings of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Each year the League takes part in Criminal Justice Awareness Day in Springfield.

**Outlook**

Two public policy issues merit thoughtful discussion: a review of the criminal code and the cost of prisons. Costs have been masked somewhat by a healthy economy. The League expects an increased interest in female offenders as their numbers continue to grow.

#### IV. ELECTION LAWS

Support for improved election laws and procedures and opposition to term limits for members of the Illinois General Assembly.

##### Recent League Activity

Our election laws activity reflects both national and state positions.

At the 1997 state convention delegates directed the state board to conduct a program review of the LWVIL's election laws position, including consideration of proportional representation. A state committee undertook this review. The summer 1998 edition of the *Illinois Voter* carried a report giving background information about proportional representation and recommending the creation of a task force to examine the issue. Member response was low and a task force was not formed. The results of the position review will be submitted to the 1999 convention.

Illinois is implementing the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA, or Motor Voter) under rules and regulations prepared by the State Board of Elections. LWVIL submitted comments when the rules were proposed. Incorporating NVRA's requirements into Illinois' election code is a priority for LWVIL; however, introduced legislation did not pass out of committee. LWVIL joined in LWVUS' action to oppose Congressional efforts to weaken NVRA.

In May 1998, the League filed an amicus curiae brief in a suit before the Appellate Court. The brief supported the contention that the adoption of legislation which eliminated straight party voting had not met the constitutional requirements for passage. Both the Appellate and the Supreme Courts upheld the lower court's decision and the law stands.

The League continued to observe meetings of the State Board of Elections and expressed its support for a computerized statewide voter registration system when the board undertook a needs assessment for such a system in 1997. The State Board of Elections created a study group to develop a conceptual design for a system. A League member was appointed to the study group which filed its report in September 1998.

##### Outlook

NVRA: NVRA will continue to be an issue with an ongoing need to protect it at the national level. Illinois needs to amend the election code to include NVRA's requirements. Uneven compliance of NVRA's provisions by various state agencies and local election authorities is a concern.

Computerized statewide voter registration system: The promising possibility of creating this system offers the League an opportunity to affect an important change in election procedures.

Illinois election codes: A codification of Illinois' patchwork election laws is needed. Primary Date: Proposals to change the primary date are likely to be introduced in the General Assembly.

#### V. GUN CONTROL

Support for handgun and assault weapon control.

##### Recent League Activity

The League's action in the gun control arena has been low during the biennium, reflecting the relative quiet in the gun control debate at the state legislative level. The League continues its commitment to responsible and effective gun control measures.

## Outlook

Proposals on trigger locks and product liability are expected to move to the forefront of the state legislative agenda. Bills regarding concealed carry and preemption of local gun control ordinances may be introduced. The League will continue to take an active role in education and lobbying efforts.

## VI. SCHOOLS

Support for a public school system that is equitable both in quality for the student and financing for the taxpayer.

### Recent League Activity

In February 1997 the League provided testimony to the Illinois House, which had been convened as a Committee of the Whole to consider school funding reform. The testimony addressed the need to increase the percentage of school funding from the state, the suitability of the income tax as the source of additional state revenue, and increasing the personal exemption to enhance fairness and revenue growth. In March of 1997 the League supported Governor Edgar's unsuccessful call for an increase in the income tax to provide additional funds for education. The League also participated in the development of Education Reform in '97: Opportunity for Action, a widely distributed newspaper supplement published by the Chicago Community Trust in April, 1997.

In fall of 1997, a proposal providing an additional \$485 million for education through a combination of tax increases on cigarettes, telephone calls and river boat gambling was introduced. In response, the League lobbied for an income tax increase as a preferable source of revenue. The measure was defeated in the regular veto session, but passed in a special session in December and included a \$1.4 billion dollar capital improvement program. The League remained neutral on the bill. While it provided significant new dollars for education, the League believed that it failed to achieve two essential goals: to provide stable and adequate revenue over time and to avoid a disproportionate tax burden on poor and middle-income households.

The League opposed an income tax credit for certain public and private K-12 education expenses. The bill passed in the 1997 spring session but was subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

The statewide Coalition for Educational Rights, which the League chaired for several years, dissolved at the end of 1997.

### Outlook

Major school funding reform initiatives are not expected in the next two years. The legislature will likely be satisfied with yearly increases in education appropriations which should be supported by anticipated state revenue growth. It is likely that measures providing vouchers and/or income tax credits for private education will be introduced in the legislature. Governor-elect Ryan supports an income tax credit.

## VII. STATE FISCAL POLICIES

Support for a diversified revenue system which principally relies on a combination of broad-based taxes and user fees, is equitable, progressive, stable, responsive and simple.

### Recent League Activity

The League advocated for progressive tax reform in the context of the school funding debate in the 1997 legislative session, supporting the Governor's failed call to increase the income tax and attempting unsuccessfully to insert an increase in the personal exemption in the revenue package. (See Schools.)

In the final budget agreement that emerged at the end of the 1998 Spring legislative session, the General Assembly took a small step towards a more equitable income tax system when it approved a phased-in increase in the personal exemption from \$1,000 to \$2,000. While the League did not support or oppose the final budget agreement, it has long advocated for increasing the personal exemption and will continue to work for a more significant increase, particularly for poor and working class families, and to ensure any increase with an increase in the income tax rate to avoid a revenue loss to the state. The final budget agreement also provided that income from multi-state corporations will be apportioned to Illinois on the basis of the sales factor only over a three-year phase-in period, resulting in an estimated revenue loss of \$95 million to state and local governments. The League has previously opposed similar legislation.

During the past year, the League participated in the Tax Policy Working Group, a group of civic and community-based organizations convened by the Woods Fund to share information and develop strategies for advancing progressive tax reform as a political issue.

#### **Outlook**

Although the need is as strong as ever, achieving progressive tax reform in Illinois remains an elusive goal. Barring a catastrophic decline in the economy, however, there are unlikely to be opportunities to advance progressive tax reform initiatives during the 91st General Assembly.

### **VIII. STATE REDISTRICTING**

Support for a redistricting process which is timely, orderly and meets the basic criteria relating to population, compactness and contiguity and the requirements of the 1965 U.S. Voting Rights Act and subsequent amendments.

#### **Recent League Activity/Outlook**

This position was adopted by a concurrence of delegates at the 1993 LWWIL Convention and readopted at subsequent conventions. It will enable the League to comment on the proposed maps at the next redistricting of state legislative districts in the year 2001.

Two factors influenced the League's decision to develop a state redistricting position. One was the failure of the current redistricting method to produce acceptable maps in a timely manner. The second was the creation of a bipartisan Redistricting Process Review Commission to consider reforms in Illinois' procedures for remapping legislative districts.

This Commission was created in March 1992 and reconvened in the summer of 1998 by Secretary of State George Ryan. The League is an active participant in the Commission, represented by President Jan Flapan. It is expected that the Commission will make recommendations in the Spring of 1999. We anticipate education and lobbying activity after the Commission's proposals are released.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **IX. LAND USE**

Support for a state land use policy that addresses the problem of conflicting uses for the land resources of Illinois.

#### **Recent League Activity**

This position has been the basis for local League action on a variety of issues, including landfill siting, provisions for orderly growth, adequate low income housing, the preservation of open space, and, recently, the environmental impact of trapshooting (LWW Naperville.)

in 1988 the Jackson County League adopted a study on the development and regulation of large scale livestock facilities (hug mega-farms). A number of these mega-farms have or are now planning to set up facilities in Illinois. Current regulations governing the operation of livestock waste management systems are seen as inadequate. Based on their consensus position and after receiving State Board and local League permission, the LWV of Jackson County advised during the spring and fall sessions in favor of stricter state and environmental regulations.

#### **Outlook**

The Jackson County League will continue to monitor large scale livestock facilities and regulation legislation and will ask for adoption of their local position by concurrence at the 1999 LWVIL Convention.

### **X. PESTICIDES**

Support for reduction in pesticide use and the promotion of non-toxic alternatives.

#### **Recent League Activity**

The League continued to participate with 27 local and regional health, advocacy and environmental groups in the "Yards for Nature Campaign". This campaign, organized by the Safer Pest Control Project, provides lawn owners with a cost-efficient, effective alternative to potentially harmful pesticides. The League participated in a Task Force on Pesticides and Children's Health, also organized by the Safer Pest Control Project.

#### **Outlook**

The League will continue to work with the Illinois Pesticide Network and Safer Pest Control Project and participate in education programs encouraging reduction in pesticide exposure and use of non-toxic alternatives. Emphasis will be placed on reducing children's exposure to pesticides in school.

## **SOCIAL POLICY**

### **XI. CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Support for improved state and local services by Illinois state agencies serving children and their families.

#### **Recent League Activity**

As a priority item, Children's Services was featured at two Legislative Briefings and all activities were coordinated with the Breaking the Cycle of Violence in the Lives of Children Action Focus. The League successfully advocated for measures and funding for Early Start programs: day care, family preservation/support, Healthy Families Illinois and health coverage for uninsured children.

Passage of the Juvenile Justice Reform Provisions of 1998 marked a major change in how delinquents are handled. The League worked with coalitions, legislators and staff, the Black Caucus and the Governor's Office to delay enactment until the impact and costs were more fully understood. Initial funding is promising.

LWVIL is represented on several advisory committees to the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Human Services. The League expands its influence by working with such organizations as the Alliance for Family Based Services, Illinois Steering Committee for Family Based Services, Healthy Families Illinois Work Group, bar associations and by attending state and national conferences. The League contacted selected members of the Illinois Congressional delegation in an attempt to retain the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, including prevention funding and limits on juvenile transfers to adult court.



#### **Conclusion**

National and state trends toward harsher responses may make it difficult to maintain new funding. Low-income families are especially vulnerable. The League will continue to monitor how dollars are spent on Early Start and juvenile justice reform and will encourage communities to become involved. The League will join with others in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the juvenile court.

#### **XII. INCOME ASSISTANCE**

Support for improved public aid services.

##### **Recent League Activity**

League activity in this area reflects both national and state positions.

While the League has opposed the federal welfare legislation which ends federal entitlements of income support to all low income families and families who meet eligibility criteria and shifts major responsibility to the states, we continue to work for meeting needs through state resources and available, reduced federal funds. Federally imposed time limits on welfare benefits heighten the urgency of quality supportive services, such as affordable, quality childcare; transportation; stable housing; job creation; and employment that pays a livable wage, leading to economic self-sufficiency.

League works in partnership with social policy entities and the Work, Welfare and Families coalition for a broad voice in social policy issues. The League continues to be represented on committees established to improve conditions for low-income families and individuals, including the Welfare to Work Group of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois.

##### **Outlook**

The LWWF will continue to vigorously monitor legislative and administrative activity and provide input and comments on the critical issues affecting low income families, particularly the working poor and those facing time limits on their assistance.

#### **XIII. MARITAL LAW**

Support for laws which recognize marriage as an economic partnership and for a divorce process which is fair and equitable to all parties with regard to property division, maintenance, custody and child support.

**Recent League Activity:** None

#### **XIV. MENTAL HEALTH**

Support for comprehensive and coordinated services for mentally ill adults and children in both state facilities and community-based programs.

##### **Recent League Activity**

The League worked with several coalitions to ensure rights of persons with mental illnesses by continued support to pass legislation calling for insurance coverage equal to coverage for other illnesses; testified regarding housing needs and protections under the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988; and worked to enforce standards preventing abuse and neglect in institutions. Additionally, the League worked to protect patient rights in two areas: managed care delivery of community services and voting rights.

## Outlook

The League will continue to monitor services under management care and will advocate for increased quality services appropriate to this population. We will participate in educational efforts to end discrimination and support projects that offer needed support, with opportunities for people to become as independent as possible.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Making Democracy Work, with an emphasis on Campaign Finance Reform**

Promote efforts to create healthier communities through strengthening citizen participation in government, with an emphasis on reforming campaign finance.

The 1997 Convention confirmed the LWVIL's commitment to strengthen the democratic process by engaging more citizens in the work of shaping better communities. The "Making Democracy Work" campaign seeks to counter Americans' growing cynicism about politics and government and build their confidence in the process of bringing about change. Change is sought in five areas: increased voter participation, reformed campaign finance practices, expanded civic education and knowledge, enhanced diversity of representation, and rebuilt public civic participation. Many of the projects the League is engaged in are a fundamental component of this over-arching program: the campaign finance reform projects, GOTV, civics education and participation in the development of a statewide voter registration system. Leaguers have enthusiastically embraced increasing our—and the public's—expertise in civic skills: how to increase diversity, how to build successful collaborations, how to run for office and win, how to moderate a community forum.

In the summer of 1998, LWVIL convened a statewide task force on Civics Education in the Schools to focus attention on the teaching of civics education as mandated by the state. Currently, local Leagues are determining if their school districts are in compliance with the mandates. Based on the findings, League will develop plans to promote compliance.

In conjunction with LWVIL Voter Service, local Leagues throughout the state developed and implemented extensive "Get Out the Vote" campaigns in their communities for the fall 1998 elections. Activity is expected to continue with the municipal elections in spring of 1999.

Campaign finance reform is an integral part of the MDW action focus. The statewide committee has been active on a variety of fronts, with an emphasis on education. The League of Women Voters of Illinois Education Fund received a \$19,285 grant for the "Campaign Finance Reform: Midwest Strategies for Success" project from the League of Women Voters of the US Education Fund. The LWVILEF awarded 9 grants to local Leagues who are using community meetings, brochures, library displays and web sites to provide information about campaign finance reform. Because these grants involve more than one local League, 15 Leagues are participating in grant-funded activities.

LWVIL in cooperation with the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (I-CPR) distributed the Political Reformer, a newsletter about campaign finance, to a statewide mailing list of over 7,000. The I-CPR, funded by a LWVILEF grant from the Joyce Foundation, and local Leagues have participated in 56 public forums, radio interviews or news conferences.

In the legislative arena, the General Assembly passed ethics reform legislation in the spring of 1998. League is generally supportive of the measure as the first step in reforming campaign finance in Illinois. Unfortunately, the method of funding campaigns was left unchanged. The committee is developing plans to move forward on reasonable contribution limits legislation and the development of a statewide voter's guide.

## **II. ACTION FOCUS: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE**

Promote efforts to prevent violence, in all forms, in the lives of children.

The 1997 LWWIL Convention continued to focus on the membership's commitment to children's issues with the readoption of this action focus. This item is based on state and national positions on violence prevention, early intervention for children at risk, meeting basic human needs and children's services.

A statewide committee encouraged local Leagues to participate in a variety of community based activities. Many local Leagues hosted informational programs and initiated work in their communities. Local Leagues were encouraged to work in concert with local violence prevention/intervention efforts, and to forge alliances with like-minded, concerned citizen groups in their communities towards the goal of reducing the violence in the lives of all our children.

### **PROGRAM ACTIVITY BASED ON NATIONAL POSITIONS**

#### **I. HEALTH CARE**

The LWWUS believes that a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all US residents.

Leagues across the state have participated in a variety of health care projects. The Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care has been the primary supporter of an Illinois Managed Care Patients Bill of Rights. Local Leagues have participated in this debate and have co-sponsored community forums. LWWUS has taken an active role in the US health care policy debate and is currently promoting local League participation in community-based discussions on Medicare.

#### **II. PUBLIC POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE**

Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

The League opposed measures to restrict access to abortion services, especially to teenage women and poor women. League opposed legislative efforts in 1997 to prohibit 'partial-birth' abortions and efforts in 1998 to restrict the use of Medicaid monies to fund abortions. The election of George Ryan as governor, a foe of unrestricted reproductive rights, will likely bring this issue to the forefront of League's legislative activity.

The League is represented on the board of the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance and will continue to work against restrictive legislation and to collaborate with other members of the Alliance and the broader reproductive choice community.

#### **III. CIVIL RIGHTS/WOMEN'S ISSUES**

Support for equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing for all persons in the United States regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. Support for equal rights for all regardless of sex; and support of action to eliminate laws that have the effect of discrimination on the basis of sex.

LWWIL belongs to the Coalition for Equal Opportunity which successfully protected employment and education gains of women and minorities in both the Illinois General Assembly and the U.S. Congress. No major activity took place during the past two years.

The state League is forming a coalition with other women's organizations to work on networking and sharing information related to women's and minorities' access to employment, education, and opportunities to run for, or be appointed to, public office.



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## Great Decisions 1999

Great Decisions is starting its 1999 year on February 12! The group meets on the second Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Betty Buker's (485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A5) to discuss foreign policy topics. Discussions are based on articles and videos produced by the Foreign Policy Association. This year's topics include: The Information Age; New Dimensions For U.S. Foreign Policy; Japan: The Shadow of the Miracle; Weapons of Mass Destruction: Re-emerging Threat; Latin America: A Broad Overview. Great Decisions is sponsored by the LWV LF-LB and American Association of University Women. Guests and friends are welcome. For more information contact Diane Lloyd (615-9182).

## Please join us for The Presidents' Cocktail Party

*Fundraiser for the  
League of Women Voters of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff*



Saturday, February 20th  
6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

At the home of Kathy Lawson  
1325 Lakewood Drive, Lake Forest

\$10.00 per person  
Dressy Casual Attire

Please bring one of the following to share:  
An appetizer, a dessert, or a bottle of wine: 2 bottles per couple

RSVP by February 18th to either  
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# LOCAL NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## VOTER REGISTRATION

You may like to know how busy we are registering voters. On January 23rd and 24th we had a booth at the Body, Mind, & Spirit Expo '99 hosted by Barat College. Coming up - we will be registering residents at Lake Forest Place on March 2, 1999. Thanks to all the deputy registrars who man these events. And if registering voters sounds appealing to you, contact Pat Rounsaville at 295-3916.

## SHIELD TOWNSHIP STUDY

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Shield Township study please call Ann Hamlin (295- 9042) or Bev Adamczyk (295-5641).

## PRESCHOOL DIRECTORY

The LWV LF-LB Preschool Directory is available. The directory is intended as a guide for anyone in the community looking for a preschool. Guides can be purchased in the main office at the Gorton Community Center.

## BOARD RESIGNATION

Julia Parker has resigned from her position as Vice President/Voter Service in accordance with our Non-partisan Policy, due to her candidacy for the District 115 School Board. Ann Hollis and Carol Gilbert will be working on Voter Service this spring.

## WE'RE SPONSORING A PARENT UNIVERSITY SPEAKER

The LWV LF-LB is proud to be sponsoring Jeanne Hanson, Executive Director, Volunteer Center of Greater Barrington at the L.E.A.D. Parent University on February 20, 1999. Ms. Hanson will be leading a seminar titled "Fostering Leadership in Girls and Women."



The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.

At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

## WAIT!

Before you toss this issue of League Lines into the recycling bin consider passing it on to a friend. Thanks in advance for sharing the news of our activities with someone else in the community.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

While planning the upcoming Voter's Guides for the April election, I have become very appreciative of those of you who serve as observers for the League on governing bodies in our communities. In order to prepare these resources we need to prepare questions to which candidates will respond giving voters an indication of the priorities each candidate may have which might influence his/her decisions if elected. With the input of the observers and others who monitor our local boards, we will be able to ask questions which most need to be answered. Thank you for your involvement.

Last month a small group of League members sat down with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Susan Garrett for a legislative interview. Both were very accommodating with their time and candid with their answers. In this newsletter we've included a summary of the many topics discussed at the interview. Both Link and Garrett indicated a willingness to participate in a program for all League members in the fall. We'll try to get that scheduled as soon as they know their schedules for the legislative session. This is a great opportunity to hear what has happened in Springfield, what is likely to happen in the future and how they both score the session.

Several of us met to discuss the LWVIL Program for the next biennium. Each individual league is asked to review existing positions and to make recommendations to retain, restudy (or update) or drop a position. We discussed each position and voted to retain all existing positions but had some questions were raised regarding a few of the positions. We have submitted our questions to the state League for clarification. We also voted to support the four ideas submitted by other leagues (Charter Schools Study/Barrington LWV; Charter Schools Study/ Wheaton LWV; Large Livestock Facilities Concurrence/Jackson County LWV, and Proportional Representation Study/ Chicago LWV). In addition to the state program, we reviewed our local positions and voted to recommend retention for all existing positions but have requested advice from the state League regarding inclusion of Knollwood in existing positions. The local positions will be voted on by our entire membership at the Annual Meeting in May.

The study regarding Shield Township is gearing up. Co-chairs Ann Hamlin and Bev Adamczyk met with Barb Lippai, LWVIL Vice President / Programs to discuss parameters and to get guidelines for the study. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact either Ann or Bev.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work getting commitments from members for next year's board. To those of you who have said yes, many thanks. If you had to decline this year, please think about serving on the board in the future or working off-board or on a committee. There are never enough hands...

Hope to see you at Kathy Lawson's on the 20th for our annual fundraiser - cocktail party - evening to get together! This is the third year we've had this event. It's been fun; it's casual; and spouses and friends seem to be able to survive the evening with Leaguers! If you can't join us, please consider sending a contribution to support all the activities we undertake.

*Ann Hollis*

**LWV-IL OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION**

The following information comes from LWV-IL letters from President Jan Flapan and VP, Program/Action Barbara Lippai.

**Grassroots Skill Works**

Grassroots lobby opportunities will be available throughout the spring session. It is never too late to become a League Grassroots advocate, call Joyce at the state League office (312-939-5935 or e-mail the office at LWVIL@aol.com) to sign up for the program area(s) you are most interested in receiving action/lobbying alerts.

**Free Wetlands Handbook**

To order *Living with Wetlands: A Handbook for Homeowners in Northeastern Illinois*, write to the Wetlands Initiative, 52 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1015, Chicago, IL 60604. Free copies are available as long as the supply lasts. This 24-page handbook is perfect for homeowners living near a large wet meadow or a small marsh built as part of a sub-division, or for anyone living near a wetlands area.

**Transportation Task Force**

At a recent State League Board Meeting the formation of a state League Transportation Task Force was approved. Interested members should contact Barb Lippai at BLippai@aol.com or 847-432-8185.

**Surfing the Web**

Want to participate in the pilot online LWVUS United Nations position re-study?

Send e-mail to:

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Your message should read

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If you have problems, contact Mary Howarth at <mnhowarth@vm.occ.cc.mi.us>

Send email to jimkales@aol.com for a free online newsletter from I-CPR, the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, a statewide campaign finance reform coalition, a project of the LWVIL Education Fund and the Joyce Foundation.

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**LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW UPDATE - A LWV LF•LB EXCLUSIVE**

*About a dozen League members met on Friday, January 22, 1999, at Gorton with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Susan Garrett for a legislative interview open to League members. The purpose of the interview was to share the League's state and local concerns as well as to better understand their positions on the issues. Their comments regarding LWVIL Programs follows:*

**Constitutional Implementation and Amendments:**

Both Senator Link and Representative Garrett agreed that there needs to be better voter information especially regarding selection of judges. Regarding the suggested combination of state comptroller and state treasurer, Mr. Link is not in favor of appointed officials in high level offices and believes that currently the two offices offer a good system of checks and balances.

**County Government Structure:**

Mr. Link will bring SB 9 to the floor of the Senate which will allow for the at-large election of the county board chairman in order to open up this process to the voters. Ms. Garrett believes the county board chairman should be elected within the ranks of the county board members.

**Criminal Justice:**

Both legislators shared a concern that the prison industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the state. (Four new prisons have been opened recently or are in the process of being built in the state.) Also of concern was that funding for the education of juvenile detainees be offered on a year-round basis rather than on a 180-day basis. Both would like to see a shift in legislative thinking from incarceration and prison building to preventative and rehabilitative alternatives.

**Election Laws:**

There was a discussion of the potential for fraudulent Motor Voter registration, of open primaries, the length of the campaign trail from primary to election, and fundraising efforts.

**Gun Control:**

Both legislators have a concern regarding the introduction of bills allowing for concealed weapons.

**Schools:**

Both feel there is a need for solid education funding but it is not likely that bills concerning educational funding will be brought up this session. Mr. Link felt that the Legislature only did a band-aid approach last session. Ms. Garrett wants us to hold the Governor accountable for his promise to return \$0.51 on the dollar into education.

**State Redistricting:**

There is to be a redistricting of state legislative districts in 2001. Both agree that this process will heavily tie into the next election, predicting that election will be highly contentious. Mr. Link pointed out that his legislative district is served by three State Senators and Ms. Garrett's legislative district which includes the diversity of communities from Lake Forest to Waukegan is also served by three State Representatives.

**Social Policy:**

Both had concerns about the expenditure of large amounts of human services monies for an adult population (i.e. welfare, prisons) as opposed to early preventative interventions for children and families such as early start programs, daycare, family preservation/support, and health insurance for uninsured children. Mr. Link commented on how easily the legislature will approve, with little discussion, millions of dollars for building a new prison versus appropriating funds for early childhood purposes.

**Mental Health:**

They both agreed that the number one issue to be dealt with this term will be managed care reform. Who can sue whom will be heavily debated in the midst of very strong lobbies for managed care.

**Campaign Finance Reform:**

Mr. Link pointed out that a cap on campaign funds is useless without there also being a campaign cap on the candidate's personal financial contributions to her/his campaign or "people like myself won't be able to run against wealthy candidates."



# Presidents' Cocktail Party • February 20, 1999



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## Calendar

### February

- 12 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 13 LWVIL Legislative Briefing, Chicago
- 20 Presidents' Cocktail Party, Kathy Lawson's, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 23 Deadline, *March League Lines*

### March

- 3 LWV LF-LB Board Meeting, Ann Hollis', 9:30 am
- 10 LWVLC Noon Forum, SWALCO, Gorton
- 10 Tentative Date for Lake Bluff Candidate Forum
- 12 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 16 Tentative Date for Lake Forest Candidate Forum

### April

- 5 Deadline, *April League Lines*
- 7 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, 9:30 am
- 9 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 13 Election Day

### May

- 12 LWVLF-LB Annual Meeting
- 14 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 14-16 LWVIL Convention
- 19 LWVLC Convention, Lake County Museum



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## Candidate Forum Cable Schedule

If you are unable to attend our Candidate Forums be sure to watch them on Channel 19.

### Lake Bluff Library and Village

#### Board Forum:

**LIVE!** on March 10, at 7:30 pm  
rebroadcast every weekend  
thereafter until the elections:  
Fridays at 6:00 pm  
Saturdays at 1:30 pm  
Sundays at 8:00 am

### Lake Forest City Council and Offices Forum

**LIVE!** March 11, at 7:00 pm  
rebroadcast every Saturday,  
Sunday and Monday through  
the election;  
Saturdays at 7:00 pm  
Sundays at 11:00 am  
Mondays at 8:00 am

### Lake Forest School District 67 Board Forum

will begin airing on March 20  
and will continue every Satur-  
day, Sunday and Monday up to  
the election.  
Saturdays at 9:30 pm  
Sundays at 1:00 pm  
Mondays at 10:30 am.



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## CANDIDATES' FORUMS for CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Lake Bluff Library Board  
Lake Bluff Village Board  
Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 pm  
East School Gym, 121 E. Sheridan Place, Lake Bluff

### Lake Forest City Council and Offices

Thursday, March 11  
Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest  
7:00 pm Statutory Offices  
7:30 pm Aldermanic Races  
9:00 pm Mayoral Race

### Lake Forest School District 67 Board

Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 pm  
Baggett Room, Deerpath Elementary School  
95 W. Deerpath Rd., Lake Forest

Questions from the audience will be presented by the  
moderator.

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## LOCAL UPDATE

### PARENT UNIVERSITY FEBRUARY 20, 1999

(kindly contributed by Carol Gilbert)

LWV LF-LB sponsored two presentations by Jeanne Hanson of the Barrington League covering "from dollhouse to White House ... fostering leadership in girls and women." Ms. Hanson approached this issue from several directions. First she profiled women leaders by noting most of our legislators began first as community activists, then as state level legislators; only then participating in the national arena. Title IX was profiled, because this generation has sporting opportunities that were not available to their mothers. (Team sports teaches the balance of competition and cooperation essential to leadership). She profiled mentors, who have a strong sense of self, are not reticent, and typically have some personal power. The mentor model for youth also has some particular characteristics: successful women note they received support at the critical middle school age, that someone believed strongly in them, and that principle and personal integrity are essential attributes of a mentor. Ms. Hanson suggested we take our daughters everywhere, not just to work one day a year, and find role models in our daughters areas of interest, because the qualities of leadership need to be talked about. And, please note, all volunteers are role models. We need to tell our daughters, and sons, why we give time to our causes!

### ACTION UPDATE - CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

We were pleased to receive an update from the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform late January saying that they have surpassed their initial goal of getting 5000 names by January 20! The next goal is 10,000 names by April 1, 1999.

Please help gather names. You may have received a petition directly from ICPR (but if you need a form contact Joan Kaltsas @234-4737). With elections approaching you may find natural opportunities to collect names for ICPR's petitions. The petitions (completed preferably, but even with less than 15 names) can be sent to the address listed on the form.

Thank you. And thank you to all who have already put your name on one of these petitions during the winter! Let's make the spring drive just as successful as the winter drive was.

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## WAIT!

Before you toss this issue of League Lines into the recycling bin consider passing it on to a friend. Thanks in advance for sharing the news of our activities with someone else in the community.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

March is a month of much activity for League members. Our Voter Service activities will include hosting three candidates forums and preparing a voters guide for each community (Lake Forest and Lake Bluff). Committees for the annual meeting will be busy completing their assigned responsibilities for our discussions in May. In addition, several League members who attended training for the Partners for Progress project will serve as small group facilitators at upcoming community meetings for the project.

Three candidates forums for local contested offices in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff are planned for this month. Many of you have participated in a forum before. For our members who may not have had the opportunity to take part in a forum, this is a great way to learn how the League provides this educational service to the community. We'll need timers, question gatherers, question organizers and hostesses at each of these events. We'll provide you with the necessary information to do each job and try to pair a newer member with an experienced member of longer standing. If you can't attend, the forums will be shown on cable.

Preparations for the Annual Meeting are well underway. The nominating committee has been contacting many of you to find interested persons willing to serve on next year's board. The local program has been reviewed and will be presented for recommendation. The bylaws committee has been reviewing our existing bylaws and will be suggesting some changes. The budget committee is developing a financial plan for the next fiscal year. Members should receive the Annual Meeting packet toward the end of March in order to review materials in preparation of our meeting in May.

Several of our members attended a facilitation training session for the Partners for Progress project. These persons will be asked to serve as small group facilitators at several upcoming meetings for the community regarding the project and carrying out the objectives of this group. I encourage you to attend these meetings when they are held to learn and participate in the process of identifying needs and concerns of our communities. We'll be hearing more in the next year from the League about the concept of sustainable communities and the Partners for Progress project seems to be a process toward defining sustainability for our communities.

As we look forward to the end of the year, there will be three other meetings which will focus on the future in addition to our annual meeting which I encourage you to attend. We will be scheduling our annual get-together with the Village and City Managers of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out what is going on in our communities and to be able to ask questions. Both the state and county Leagues will be having conventions in May. Again, if you want to know what is going on at these two levels, this is a great chance to hear, learn and act. If you have a particular concern or interest, you can find someone at these meetings who is equally (or more so) concerned. Please consider attending one or all of these.

Thanks needs to be handed out to Carol Gilbert for coordinating the League sponsored presented by Jeanne Hanson at the L.E.A.D. Parent University. I understand Jeanne's sessions were in high demand by the participants. Also, thanks to Diane Lloyd for completing the consensus process for senior housing.

Finally, to Peter and Kathy Lawson, consummate hosts - thanks for the wonderful evening at your home for our Presidents' Day Cocktail Party. Those of us attending had a marvellous evening! And to those of you who attended or contributed - thanks for supporting the efforts of our League.

*Ann Hollis*

## LWV and FOREST PRESERVE REFERENDUM



Not only did the recent Lake County Transportation/Land Use position update recommend acquisition of additional land by the Forest Preserve, and not only are two Highland Park League members leading the campaign for approval of the Referendum. Joyce O'Keefe is Co-Chair of Friends of the Lake County Forest Preserves, and Linda Kellough is Executive Director of the campaign to pass the Referendum, but also the LWV-LC Board voted specifically to support the Lake County Forest Preserve Referendum which will be on the April 13<sup>th</sup> ballot.

Nationally and locally, the League has supported preservation of open space, conservation of resources, and an improved quality of life. This referendum will allow the Forest preserve to buy more land before it becomes too expensive. Lake County needs more land preserved, wildlife protected, and new trails to balance development. Land purchased will help protect against flooding and will provide large refuges for animals and plants.

Please **VOTE FOR** the Lake County Forest Preserve Referendum on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Mary Mathews (LWV-Lake County, Transportation Committee-Chair) at 295-1494 or Linda Kellough, Friends of the Lake County Forest Preserves, at 549-9214.

*The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefit of an individual or party.*

*-John C. Calhoun, from a speech given February 13, 1835.*

Interested in Joining the League of Women Voters? Fill in the Following!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron               | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member    | 75.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Regular) | 45.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Senior)  | 40.00    |

Make checks payable to the LWV LF•LB. Dues are not tax deductible.

For a deductible contribution, please write a separate check to the LWV Education Fund. This money is used locally for community information and education.

Mail your check(s) to League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff • 400 E. Illinois Road • Lake Forest, IL 60045

## Great Decisions 1999

Great Decisions is sponsored by the LWV LF-LB and American Association of University Women. The group meets on the second Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Betty Baker's (485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A5) to discuss foreign policy topics. Discussions are based on articles and videos produced by the Foreign Policy Association. This year's schedule is as follows:

March 12	Weapons of Mass Destruction: Reemerging Threat?
April 9	Iran and Caspian Basin: Tradition and Transformation.
May 14	Implementing NATO Enlargement: Difficult Choices Ahead.
June 11	Latin America: A Broad Overview.
September 10	U.S. Role in the UN: A Changing Dynamic?
October 8	The Asian Financial Crisis: The IMF and Its Critics.
November 12	Japan: The Shadow of the Miracle.



Guests and friends are welcome.

For more information contact Diane Lloyd (615-9182).

### FUTURE VOTERS INTERVIEW LEGISLATORS

The LWV LF-LB is helping to get plans underway for an assembly on April 12th at Lake Bluff Middle School to profile representative government. This program will have a format similar to a candidate debate, but the featured speakers will be State Representative Susan Garrett and State Senator Terry Link. Also featured will be the Middle School Debate Club performing the essential duties usually staffed by League members. All the questions posed to the legislators will be generated by the student body. This will be a fun and educational event, and an excellent opportunity to provide service to our future voters! Sen. Link and Rep- Garrett are very enthusiastic participants; perhaps we will be able to repeat this event for Lake Forest students in the not too distant future.

### TALK ON TRASH

LWV-LC's March noon Forum is on household waste and recycling. The speaker is Andrew Quigley, Executive Director of SWALCO. Please come March 10th to the Gorton Community Center.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Just a reminder. The last day to register voters before the April 13th elections is March 15.

### PRESCHOOL DIRECTORY

The LWV LF-LB Preschool Directory is available. The directory is intended as a guide for anyone in the community looking for a preschool. Guides can be purchased in the main office at the Gorton Community Center.

### SHIELDS TOWNSHIP STUDY

The first meeting for the Shields Township Study will be March 24, 1999 at 7:00 pm at the Lake Bluff Library. The study will include interviews, gathering data at the township, county and state level, and organizing data. The work can be taken in chunks or made into small tasks. All varieties of skills and time commitments are needed and welcome. Say "YES" to participating in this study. For details contact Ann Hamlin (295- 9042) or Bev Adamczyk (295-5641).

Not sure what's involved in a study? We are welcoming observers to watch the process. This is a great opportunity to see what a study entails (in case there is a future issue that sparks your interest).



### CALL TO CONVENTION

The 48th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Lisle, Illinois on May 15 & 16, 1999.

We are looking forward to an interesting, exciting and fun-filled convention!

A leadership workshop will be offered all day on Friday, May 14th. At this time workshops on diversity, lobbying and website design are definite. Other options include -- moderator training, marketing/PR, Ed fund -- IRS rules, and current program issues such as healthcare.

If you are interested in attending the convention contact Ann Hollis at 295-2463.

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## Calendar

### March

- 10 LWVLC Noon Forum, SWALCO, Gorton
- 10 CANDIDATE FORUM: Lake Bluff Library and Village Board, East School, 7:30 pm
- 11 CANDIDATE FORUM: Lake Forest City Council and Offices, Gorton, 7:00 pm
- 12 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 16 CANDIDATE FORUM: Lake Forest School District 67 Board, Baggett, 7:30 pm
- 24 Shields Township Study Meeting, Lake Bluff Library, 7:00 pm

### April

- 5 Deadline, April *League Lines*
- 7 LWVLF-LB Board Meeting, 9:30 am
- 9 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 13 Election Day

### May

- 12 LWVLF-LB Annual Meeting
- 14 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm
- 14-16 LWVIL Convention
- 19 LWVLC Convention, Lamb's Farm



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Shekds Township Brochure  
included as insert

## *Local Community Update*

The League's annual review of local issues  
with Lake Forest City Manager, Robert Kiely  
and Lake Bluff Village Administrator, Kent Street.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

10:00 am

Fire Station No. 2, Lake Forest  
(corner of Everett and Telegraph Roads)

League members are encouraged to invite friends as guests to this exclusive community update. This is not a public event, but an opportunity for dialogue. We will begin with coffee, then Robert Kiely and Kent Street will each do presentations followed by questions. Our League's local positions will be reviewed for comment. Please come with a friend and your questions, too!

## 1999 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

at the home of Pauline Mohr,  
2000 N. Knollwood Drive, Lake Forest

*5:30 p.m. for drinks and conversation*

*6:00 p.m. dinner*

*7:30 p.m. business meeting called to order*

Please join fellow League members to network, celebrate the year's accomplishments and prepare for the next year. The Annual Meeting Packet has been mailed to all members of the LWV LF/LB. Please read the material and bring the packet to the meeting.

Dinner is optional. You may send checks (\$15.00 for dinner) in advance to LWV LF/LB, Gorton Community Center, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Please make reservations by May 10 to Linda Bartmes (295-7069)



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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of my favorite community activities is working with students in the local schools. I was particularly pleased when Carol Gilbert suggested and followed through with a forum with and for the students of Lake Bluff Middle School. State Representative Susan Garrett and State Senator Terry Link were able to find time in their busy schedules to answer questions from the students on a variety of subjects ranging from driving age to state legislative priorities to why did they get involved in politics. Thanks to League member Stephanie Kearney for serving as moderator. This program will be cablecast on Channel 19 for you to see.

Also, many thanks to all of you who made our three candidate forums possible for the community. Until you have worked on the arrangements for a candidate forum you may not be aware of all the details which go into preparation for one of these events. Many thanks to Joan Kaltsas, Julia Parker, Carol Gilbert and Bev Adamczyk for their flexibility and creativity in dealing with all the intricacies of Voter Service. And to the many League members who moderated, timed, sorted questions, taped and were there to support the League efforts.

The Annual Meeting on May 12th marks the end to another busy and productive year for our League. You are encouraged to attend this meeting to review our activities and efforts for 1998-1999 and to participate in determining our direction for 1999-2000.

I have very much enjoyed working with this year's board and wish them well in the upcoming year. To the outgoing board members for their contributions of time and talent: Mary Jane Wolter, Beth Kress, Mary Claire Briggs, and Linda Hinde; I want each of you to know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

The nominating committee chaired by Ann Hamlin who was assisted by Diane Lloyd, Joan Kaltsas, Lisa Dietrich and Elaine Slayton has assembled a wonderful slate for consideration at the annual meeting. This new board is a combination of new and returning members with a good mix of experience and freshness. It should be a great year.

We will be sending six delegates to the State and County League conventions in May. As of this printing LWV-LF/LB will be represented at the state convention by Bev Adamczyk, Joan Kaltsas, Carol Gilbert, Mary Mathews and Cynthia Maloney. The County convention is a dinner held at Lambs Farm - close and convenient if you're interested in going. Let me know if you'd like to attend.

Hope to see you at Pauline's on the 12th to wrap up the year!

Ann

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## LOCAL UPDATES

## Affordable Senior Housing

The concurrence results are in. Sixty-six percent of our members responded (a phenomenal return rate) to the statement:

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff supports the development of below market value rental housing for seniors in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Ninety-four percent of League respondents favored this position. This allows us to speak and write publicly in favor of affordable senior housing on behalf of our membership. The statement will be added to our official position statements.

## Legislator Interview at Lake Bluff Middle School

Abortion and euthanasia! These are two questions that were not posed to Senator Terry Link and Representative Susan Garrett on Monday April 13th. The Debate Club students at Lake Bluff Middle School had the opportunity to question State Senator Terry Link and Representative Susan Garrett about their work, and with two hundred questions to choose from, there simply wasn't time enough to get to them all. The students at the all-school assembly, along with moderator Stephanie Kearney, did hear about the death penalty and gun control, and current bills on the floor. Other questions covered Clinton's impeachment troubles, the qualifications of a politician, and how time is divided between Springfield and home. (The answer: It's not easy! It's not a 9 to 5 job!) The most frequently asked question from the student body was about driver's license requirements. The second most popular question concerned the validity of the electoral college (both 7th and 8th graders are studying the constitution this year). Rep. Garrett and Sen. Link both affirmed their belief that church and state must be separate; and both urged the students to contact them directly anytime. More than a few students noted the legislators' e-mail addresses. The event was a joint production of the LWVLF-LB and the Lake Bluff PTO.

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The first Shields Township Study was held March 24, 1999. The study is underway! We are striving to answer questions ranging from the relatively straight forward ("How is a township structured?") to the more intricate, such as, "Are township tax dollars spent in the area from which they are derived?"

The study group will be meeting the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Lake Bluff Public Library Meeting Room.

If there are any issues you feel should be addressed don't hesitate to contact Ann Hamlin (234-9042) or Bev Adamczyk (615-7141).

## Making Your Voice Heard

LWVIL has just recently published *Making Your Voice Heard: How You Can Influence Government Decisions*. The informative, concise eight-page brochure has information on how to find out the status of bills as well as practical tips for phoning or writing to your legislators.

Order *Making Your Voice Heard* by calling (312) 939-5935. The cost is \$1.00 plus tax and postage.

## WAIT!

Don't throw away this bulletin! Consider passing it on to a friend. Thanks in advance for sharing the news of our activities with someone else in the community.

From the LWVLC Mailbox

*The League of Women Voters of Lake County passes this letter on to us from their mailbox.*

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

25 South Union Street  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085**GARY DEL RE  
SHERIFF**

March 1, 1999

(847) 360-6300

Dear Sally Zeit,

Our educational department at the Robert Babcox Adult Correctional facility is currently seeking persons who might be interested in volunteering for two hours or more each week as GED, ESL or Reading tutors.

**Volunteer tutors are needed** to work in the jail library in one-on-one tutoring with students in the above subjects. Tutors work under the direct supervision of teachers from the College of Lake County who provide the classroom materials and tutor assistance. We had 65 students who earned their GED/High School Certificate last year and many others who made great progress in improving their reading abilities thanks to our teachers and tutors.

For many of our inmates, this is the first positive accomplishment in their life and they are very proud of it. The jail has over 500 inmates in custody on a daily basis and most of these persons are released back into our community in about 3 - 5 months. We have an opportunity here to impact inmates lives, their way of thinking, and minimize future criminal behavior. Approximately 60 students a week are involved in academic and reading improvement classes. Many others are involved in substance abuse treatment, parenting, anger control and religious programs.

**Literacy and academic tutoring takes place on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 - 11 a.m.** We encourage anyone who is available on one or more of these days each week, to contact me for further information. We have a serious need for tutors at this time and encourage anyone interested to come in for a visit to the jail by calling me at 360-5765.

I would be very grateful if you could make this information available to your friends and associates who might like to consider becoming an educational tutor at the jail. The satisfaction of helping someone get their life back on track can be most rewarding.

Sincerely,  
**Richard Riddle,**  
Correctional Program Mgr.  
Lake County Jail  
20 South County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085  
847-360-5765

**LWVIL Convention '99 Registration**

Please copy this form and send a separate copy for each delegate, alternate and visitor. Return all forms with the appropriate fees for convention registration, meals and Friday workshops.

**NOTE: Room reservations must be made by April 24, 1999. Call the Hyatt and refer to the LWVIL Convention when making your reservation: 1-800-233-1234.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_ Portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration (check one): Deadline April 24, 1999**

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate\* - \$90 includes full convention packet, Saturday workshops & voting credentials.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate\* - \$90 includes full convention packet, Saturday workshops & may substitute for a voting delegate.

*\*Your League president must sign here if you are a delegate or alternate:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor - Sat. ONLY \$35 includes breakfast, lunch, and Saturday workshops.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor - Sat. & Sun. \$50 includes 2 breakfasts, Saturday lunch and workshops.

**Meals (check one). See reverse for meal choices—don't forget to mark your preferences.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Meal Package - \$100 (Fri. dinner; Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sun breakfast)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday night dinner only - \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday night dinner only - \$40

*Sorry no meal package substitutions*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal

**Don't Forget to Sign Up!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have marked my Friday workshop choice on the reverse side, and I have enclosed \$30.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have marked my Saturday workshop choice on the reverse side.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed for my registration, meals and Friday workshop fee.

**(PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE TO SELECT SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS AND MEALS)****Refunds/Late Charges:**

A \$10 processing charge will be deducted from any refund. Any charges incurred by the LWVIL because the refund request was received after the hotel deadline cannot be refunded. A \$10 late charge will be applied to all registrations postmarked after April 24, 1999, or registration changes received after that date.

## LWVIL Convention '99 Registration

## Workshops and Meals

Check the workshops you plan to attend.

## Pre-Convention Training Workshops

Friday, May 14, 1999 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (select one) \$30 per person.

- ☐ **Keys to Successful Lobbying.** Learn to lobby for policy changes at any level of government. Will give translatable skills to offer workshop to community partners. Overcome barriers, sharpen skills, reduce anxieties, learn from experts.
- ☐ **Nonpartisan AND Political: Producing Successful Public Meetings.** This interactive workshop will cover planning and producing forums for candidates and for community issues on which the League has no position. Plus how to distinguish between advocacy and voter service, and how to set a policy covering members' political activity.
- ☐ **Show Me the Money.** You'll learn how to win grants and develop productive relationships with businesses and foundations. Fund projects you always wanted to do, or cover expenses for those you've planned.
- ☐ **Hitch your League to the Web.** This "hands-on" workshop is for Leagues that want to put their home page on the LWVIL website, or to start a page. You'll actually enter the information needed and learn how to make basic changes.

## Convention Workshops with Box Lunches

Saturday, May 15, 1999 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. (select one) Cost included in registration.

- ☐ **Opening Doors: Effective Membership Outreach and Retention.** Create an individual strategy that recognizes the diversity of your community.
- ☐ **Your Newsletter: A Versatile Tool.** Learn how to turn your League's newsletter into a power tool for membership and marketing. Bring several copies of your current newsletter.
- ☐ **Getting the Most out of Your Education Fund.** Learn what kind of activities you can fund through the LWVIL Ed Fund, or how to start an account. League guidelines, IRS rules and reporting requirements.
- ☐ **All You Ever Wanted to Know about Program.** How to apply national and state positions to local situations, and on moving positions to action. Update on current programs.
- ☐ **Presidents' Rap.** How to be a League leader and still have a life. Share ideas that work, tips for new presidents. Presidents or co-presidents only.

**\*\*Please note that workshops are subject to cancellation if the minimum registration level is not met.**

## Dinner Selections

Friday, May 14

- ☐ Chicken  
☐ Vegetarian  
☐ No Meal

Saturday, May 15

- ☐ Roast Sirloin  
☐ Grilled Salmon  
☐ Vegetarian  
☐ No Meal

Please let us know if you have any physical or dietary requirements with which we can assist you.

49<sup>th</sup> STATE CONVENTION  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS  
Tentative Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 14**

- 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Registration,**  
Pubs and Wares Market
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Pre-Convention Training Workshops**  
*Keys to Successful Lobbying.*  
*Nonpartisan AND Political: Producing Successful Public Meetings.*  
*Show Me the Money: Raising Funds from Businesses & Foundations*  
*Hitch your League to the Web.*
- 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. **Parliamentary Procedure**  
Will of the Convention Motion Consultant
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Pubs and Wares Market**  
Cash Bar, Meet the State Board Nominees
- 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Dinner**  
The Jane and Barb Show: Spotlight on Success  
Presentation by Margaret Brown, National Board Member, on  
Developing Leadership, Membership and Diversity
- 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Q and A for Program, Budget, Bylaws**  
Parliamentary Procedure  
Caucuses organized by local Leagues  
Chats
- 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. **Camaraderie**

**Saturday, May 15**

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet, Pubs and Wares Market**
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Parliamentary Procedure,**  
Will of Convention Motions Consultant (Motions Due)  
Tips for First Time Delegates, Chats.
- 9:15 – 12 noon **Convention Session**  
Call to order, Welcome, Roll Call of Leagues. Adoption of Rules and Order of  
Business. Treasurer's and Development Reports, Phonathon Awards.  
Presentation of Proposed Bylaws and Budgets. Report of the Nominating  
Committee. Presentation of Proposed Program, Not-Recommended Program  
Items, and Will of Convention Motions.

**LWVIL Convention '99****12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Workshops with Box Lunches**

*Opening Doors: Effective Membership Outreach and Retention*  
*Your Newsletter: A Versatile Tool*  
*Getting the Most out of Your Education Fund*  
*All You Ever Wanted to Know about Program*  
*Presidents' Rap*

**2:00 – 5:15p.m. Convention Session**

Discussion of Proposed Bylaws and Budgets  
Executive Director's Report  
Discussion of Proposed Program, Not-Recommended Program Items and  
Will of the Convention Motions

5:15 – 5:45 p.m. Parliamentary Available

5:15 – 7:00 p.m. Pubs and Wares Market

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Dinner

7:45 – 9:00 p.m. Awards Presentations

U.S. Representatives Judith Biggert (R-13) and Jan Schakowsky (D-9)  
Running and Winning: The Inside Congressional Scoop

9:15 – 10:00 p.m. Q & A on program, Budget, and Bylaws. Caucuses. Chats.

9:15 – 11:00 p.m. Camaraderie

**Sunday, May 16**

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Polls Open (if necessary)

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Pubs and Wares Market, Chats

7:45 – 8:15 a.m. Parliamentary Available

**8:30 – 12:30 pm Convention Session**

Discussion and Adoption of Bylaws.  
Report on Citizen Education and Voter Service Projects.  
Discussion and Adoption of PMPs and Budgets for 1999-200.  
Advocacy Report with Campaign Finance Highlights.  
Discussion and Adoption of 1999-2001 Program.  
Discussion and Adoption of Will of Convention Motions.  
President's Address.  
Election of Officers and Directors (or announcement of election results)  
New Business  
Direction to the Board  
Adjourn

**.....and on to the next century of Making Democracy Work in Illinois!**

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League of Women Voters of Lake County  
Final Call to Convention  
May 19, 1999 at 6:00 pm



Lamb's Farm Country Inn Restaurant  
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Featured Speaker: Eleanor Revelle, LWVUS Board  
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Send reservations and payments by Friday May 14 to:  
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Please also contact Ann Hollis if you are interested in being a delegate.

Join the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff, today!

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We are wrapping up the year! Mark your calendars for the following:

April

- 28 Community Update, Fire Station No. 2, 10:00 am

May

- 12 LWVLF-LB Annual Meeting  
14 GREAT DECISIONS, Betty Buker's, 1:00 pm  
14-16 LWVIL Convention, Hyatt in Lisle  
19 LWVLC Convention, Lamb's Farm, 6:00 pm



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## Highlights of the Presidency 1997-1999:

- ★ Panel Discussion on Affordable Senior Housing
- ★ Campaign Finance Reform Forum with AP Political High Schoolers
- ★ Round Table for Civility in Public Discourse Involvement
- ★ Observer Corp Reinitiated
- ★ Coffee and Conversation with our delegates to LWVUS convention
- ★ Non Partisan Policy Revision
- ★ Medicare Reform Programs
- ★ Preschool Directory Update
- ★ Web site set up at the Lake Forest Library
- ★ Panel Discussion on Home Rule
- ★ Legislative Interview with State Rep. Susan Garrett and State Sen. Terry Link
- ★ Partners for Progress Involvement
- ★ Consensus on Affordable Senior Housing
- ★ Parent University Sponsorship
- ★ Candidates Forums
- ★ Initiates Shields Township Study
- ★ Forum for Lake Bluff Middle School Students with Rep. Garrett and State Sen. Link
- ★ Community Updates

## Hollis Leaves Legacy to be Reckoned With!

Lake Bluff - Ann Hollis, during her Presidency, has moved the League forward while capitalizing on its strong traditions: The Observer Corp has been resurrected and a new study is going full-force. And never neglecting current trends, Ann single handedly got the League "on-line" with its own website!

Prior to serving as President, Ann acted as League Treasurer from 1996 to 1998 and as Newsletter Editor from 1993-1997. Not only did Ann keep the membership up to date with timely bulletins, she also created special invitations, Membership Directories, Preschool Directories, meeting packets and

Ann's contribution towards getting schools involved in the Illinois Students Mock Election was truly inspirational. Lake Forest High School, Lake Bluff Elementary, Lake Bluff Middle School, St. Mary's, and Lake Forest Country Day School all became interested!

As an example of Ann's unceasing generosity to the League, since 1995 she works Election Days as a Field Representative and donates her earnings to the League. Ann has said repeatedly, this is a great way to participate in the election process and help the League at the same time.

The entire League membership recognizes Ann's contributions, most recently leading LWVLF-LB towards the twentieth century and for her long time, tireless and spirited involvement with the League. Congratulations and thanks to Ann for making a distinguished mark on this League!



# League Lines

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## **We've Changed Our Name**

We are still the League that you respect and rely upon for quality local candidate forums and thought-provoking programs. We've just modified our name slightly to **The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area** (LWVLF-LB for short). This name change was approved at the Annual Meeting in order to acknowledge that we have members from surrounding areas, such as Knollwood, as well as to ensure our ability to grow with an ever-growing community as the entire area develops and evolves. We are made up of our members, our core constituency is in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest, but we welcome broad participation and hope the new name displays and inclusive attitude.

## **Welcome New Members**

Sally Zeit  
Waukegan

Kathy Blahunka  
Lake Bluff

We're glad you're  
with us!

## **KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT AWARD**

This year the LWVLF-LB gave out two "Know Your Government Awards" to Lake Bluff eighth grader Erinn Lachner and to Lake Forest eighth grader David Levy. Both students exhibited outstanding work in their social studies class and on their constitutional exams. The League is pleased that all middle-schoolers — future voters — have the opportunity to study government in school and we are especially thrilled to honor two students who have displayed exceptional knowledge in the subject. Congratulations, Erin Lachner and David Levy.

Kids 1st  
HEALTH  
FAIR  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kids 1st Health Fair is coming up! Kids 1st Health Fair is the one day award-winning volunteer event where children can get their school physicals and immunizations. This year it will take place on August 4. To volunteer contact Sallie Hamm at 362-6993. Every child who receives services at Kids 1st receives a backpack with school supplies. Thank you backpack stuffers: Bev Adamczyk and Rania, Betty Buker, Lisa Dietrich, Jack Lape,

Susie Lape, Eric Swanson, Pat Donlon, Judy Engel, Alice Flaherty, Christie Gescheider, Fran Goostrey, Judy Grisamore, Kathy and Alexander Lawson, Diane and Caroline Lloyd, Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden, Bea Mueller, Letitia Jacques, Marianne Plimi, Pat Rounsaville, Eleanor Knight, Neil Sherman, Sally Zeit, Cosette Winter, Tom and Tim Hinde, Sally and Annie Russ, Ryan McQuillen and Ryan Delavel

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[www.licampaign.org](http://www.licampaign.org)

National League: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

This issue of League Lines is extremely exciting as it contains the culmination of a year of work for a number of our members: the Annual Observer Corps Reports. The Observers have been attending meetings throughout the year. They have all dedicated their time regularly to attend the meetings of our local municipalities. At the meetings, each Observer wears a button identifying herself as an Observer and silently watches the proceedings. The job is not always glamorous, but our Observers are to us what basic research is to science. Pauline Mohr deserves the credit for reinstituting our Observer Corps this past year. Thank you. And thank you to Observers for sharing your observations with us.

Also working hard throughout the year was Alice Flaherty. In addition to cablecasting all of our candidate forums and our public programs, Alice arranged for the League to present the "Know Your Government Award" to a deserving eighth grader at Deer Path Junior High School. This award will now be given out annually at Deer Path Junior High and Lake Bluff Middle Schools. Great work, Alice.

Carol Gilbert, Joan Kaltsas, Phyllis Albrecht, Cynthia Maloney and I attended the LWVIL State convention in May as delegates. We passed notes to one another, exchanging opinions about the issues on the floor. There was much budget debate revolving around PMPs (the dues we pay per member) and lobbying in Springfield. Ultimately the state budget was passed as presented by the Board. The League voted to add a position about mega hog farm regulations and adopted two new studies. One study concerns cumulative voting and the other, chaired by our own Membership Director, Cynthia Maloney, will examine charter schools. To provide you with more details and the inside scoop we are organizing a coffee with the State delegates for the end of the summer. Watch your mail for time and place.

Even though our local League tends to lie low during the summer, it should be noted the Pat Rounsaville is not taking a break. She is upholding our tradition of registering voters on the Fourth of July in Artesian Park. Voter Registration remains a year-round activity. In addition, our two new program directors, Kimberly Moss and Julia Fiske-Parker are already arranging our first fall program: a luncheon on September 20th with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Susan Garrett. In September we are also co-sponsoring a program with the Lake County League on "Smart Growth".

Have a wonderful summer and we plan on seeing you in the fall.



OBSERVER CORPS

In an attempt to establish a League "presence" at the meetings of the various boards and commissions in our communities and better to identify local issues that merit study or a League stance, your local League reactivated the League Observer Corps this year. We owe our thanks to the following members who volunteered to work as observers or alternates: Bev Adamczyk, Peg Hafner, Linda Illes, Emily Jennings, Kate Lyczko, Pauline Mohr, Cindy Morehead, Bea Mueller, Janet Nelson, and Bev Nelson. Their year-end reports are included in this newsletter.

The need for observers continues. If you are able to volunteer,  
please call Pauline Mohr at 234-5853.

OBSERVER REPORTSVILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF PLAN COMMISSION, JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH, 1999

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Village Hall.

The Commission discussed the Vliet Center's assessment of historic homes in the village and a plan to photograph the homes and talk with owners about their homes' history, particularly before architectural renovation to maintain the integrity of the building or before tear down. The Commission developed recommendations for consideration by the Village Board concerning the time period for such action prior to sale or the issuance of permits.

There was also discussion about easements and other village-owned spaces. A review has been under way to decide whether or not these lands should be deeded to owners of abutting properties in order to add additional land to the tax rolls.

The possible establishment of conservation areas for part of a homeowner's property in order to secure tax advantages and the preservation of certain sensitive areas was discussed.

The Village has hired a firm to study the area around the intersection of route 41 and route 176. Lake County and adjoining municipal areas are discussing the property at the northeast corner of route 176 and Waukegan Road (this is not within the Village limits but businesses located there could be of significance to Lake Bluff.

LAKE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT 67 NOVEMBER, 1998, MARCH & APRIL, 1999

The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. in the library of Lake Bluff Middle School.

The School Board discussed the Partners for Progress initiative.

There was discussion of the possibility of starting a foreign language requirement in the elementary grades. Surveys had shown that this was favored by a majority of Lake Bluff parents.

The Board agreed to look into the possibility of quality after-school care for children between the ages of 6 and 11. This was said to be an urgent need owing to the possible closure of the Village Children's Center.

LAKE BLUFF VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SUMMARY REPORT

The Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm. in the Village Hall Board Room.

Two major issues for the Board's consideration were the threat of legal proceedings concerning the annexation of the Sanctuary, and the redevelopment of the central business district on Scranton Avenue where the concern seems to focus on the residences surrounding the business district.

In April the 1999-2000 budget was adopted. Lake Bluff has greatly increased the revenue from sales tax by encouraging automobile dealerships to open in the west business area.

LAKE BLUFF PARK DISTRICT - SUMMARY REPORT

The Park District meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. in the District's office in Blair Park.

The major issue has been the Commissioners' decision to build and remodel the current Park District building at Blair Park. They have been renting West School from the School District since 1993. However, West School is in need of major repair and the Park District believed it was in its best interest to use its funds to build its own facility. The new additions can be made without an increase in property taxes. There is some opposition to the present plan because two building referenda were voted down in the past few years. If additional space is not added to the Blair Park building the preschool program will be halved, after school programs will be limited, programs for adults will be offered only if outside space can be found, and there will be no gymnasium for Park District use.

LAKE FOREST CITY COUNCIL - SUMMARY REPORT

The City Council meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chamber.

During the past year, the City Council sub-committees have studied and reported back to the Council on the relocation of the Municipal Services facilities, the purchase and reuse of the Grove School property and the establishment of an Historic Preservation Ordinance.

In coming months the City Council will be examining the issue of senior housing. In May the Mayor appointed a committee to examine the implementation of an idea proposed by outgoing Alderman Tom Tropp, that Senior Cottages be scattered throughout the City. Committee members are Tom Tropp, chairman; Peter Witmer; Robert Shaw; Michael Burns; Anthony Danielson; Charles Fitzgerald; and Edward Wehmer.

Global Warming continued (see p.5)

Q: What evidence exists that global warming is already occurring?

There is strong evidence that global warming has already begun: average global temperatures have risen by one degree Fahrenheit over the past century; all ten of the warmest years on record have occurred in the past 15 years: the 1990s already have been warmer than the 1980s — the warmest decade on record — by almost 0.2°F, according to the Goddard Institute of Space Studies; and the 20th. century has been the warmest century in the last 600 years. Scientists agree that these temperature changes could not have occurred through natural forces alone. Many scientists also believe that the observed increase in temperature is responsible for the melting of glaciers and ice sheets that has resulted in an unprecedented sea level rise of 4-6 inches in the past 100 years.

For more questions and answers on global warming go to <http://www.jwv.org/GWQ&A998.html>

LWVUS - GLOBAL WARMING - SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What are the effects of global warming?

A: According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, average global temperatures will increase by 1.8°F - 6.3°F over the next century. This rapid rate of climate change — the fastest in history — is likely to have wide-ranging adverse impacts on the environment and human health, with significant loss of life. Warmer temperatures will cause sea levels to rise, threatening coastal populations. There likely will be a more vigorous hydrologic cycle, resulting in more intense rainfall, floods and droughts in many areas. Health effects could include illnesses and deaths due to exposure to longer, more intense heat waves and the spread of tropical diseases to higher latitudes. Global warming also will disrupt agriculture through changes in temperature and water resources, as well as severely stress forests, wetlands and other ecosystems.

Developing nations are especially vulnerable to the impacts of global warming. Many developing nations are located in low-lying, tropical areas, making them especially vulnerable to changes in the hydrologic cycle, sea level rise and coastal flooding, and more virulent tropical diseases. Furthermore, few developing nations have the necessary economic or medical resources to adapt to or recover from these impacts.

Q: What is the League's position on global warming?

A: The League of Women Voters believes that global warming is a serious problem that requires immediate action. It supports the goals of both the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. In order to avert the potentially serious consequences of a warmer climate, the League supports Senate ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. Before the protocol is brought to the Senate, however, the world's leaders must fairly and equitably negotiate the committed participation of developing nations.

The U.S. government should move ahead immediately — without waiting for Senate ratification of the Kyoto agreement — on initiatives to reduce domestic emissions of heat-trapping gases, as such actions will not only reduce the threat of global warming, but also combat local air pollution, increase energy security and create new jobs nationwide.

Q: What is Congress doing about global warming? What political actions can a citizen take to help solve the global warming problem?

A: Both houses of Congress have been active on global warming issues. Because the Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement, it must be ratified by the Senate before the United States can be an official party to the treaty. The main legislative activity in the Senate has been a resolution introduced in July of 1997 by Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska that focused attention on the developing nation issue. Although the Byrd-Hagel "Sense of the Senate" resolution does not challenge the science of global warming, it demands that developing nations be included in any climate treaty before it is ratified by the Senate. The resolution passed the Senate unanimously. Unfortunately, a number of Senators who are opposed to the Kyoto Protocol have introduced bills or amendments to handicap the ability of the Administration and Federal agencies to pursue measure that would reduce U.S. Emissions of heat-trapping gases, regardless of their environmental and economic benefits. Thus far, none of these anti-climate efforts have passed the Senate, primarily due to constant pressure from environmental and sustainable energy organizations.

In the House, the main activity on global warming is a resolution introduced in June of 1997 by Republican Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland and Democrat Henry Waxman of California. The resolution would require the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2005. The bill gained about 40 sponsors but has not passed the House. Since then, a number of Representatives have tried to block progress in combating global warming. These anti-climate efforts have focused on restricting the Administration's ability to require emissions-reduction measures without congressional consent and freezing miles-per-gallon standards for cars and trucks. Constant pressure from organizations and citizens is needed to prevent the House from passing these no-action measures.

In addition to reducing your personal contribution to heat-trapping gas emissions, the best action you can take to help solve the global warming problem is to make your voice heard. Contact your senator, your representative or the White House. Let them know that you support efforts to stop global warming by curbing heat-trapping gas emissions. Remind them that there are many steps the U.S. can take, including raising miles-per-gallon standards for cars and trucks, increasing energy-efficiency and supporting renewable energy initiatives, that will help curb global warming and boost the U.S. economy.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE WITH ROBERT KIELY & KENT STREET, APRIL 28, 1999

Lake Bluff Village Administrator, Kent Street, opened his remarks by noting that Village government is in transition, with three new trustees recently elected. The issue of most discussion is the Central Business District which many groups are studying. The goal of the discussions taking place in all the Commissions is to identify the future needs of residents and to maintain economic viability downtown. Zoning changes to setbacks and maximum heights have already been put in place, and recommendations for changes to the streetscape are currently being considered. The Village is in the process of acquiring the former Cilgo property at the corner of Scranton Avenue and Sheridan Road. Also in the news is the property adjacent to the library, now known as the Vliet Center/Library Annex. Kent thanked the various groups who worked towards securing matching state funds for the property purchase; building studies are now underway. Traffic studies are also in progress in the Village. Particular attention is being given to the several Route 176 corners; at Waukegan Road, at Route 41; and at the business district in general. Kent concluded his remarks by congratulating the Village Police Department's recent accreditation achievements, the smallest department in the state to have achieved that recognition.

Lake Forest City Manager, Bob Kiely also opened his remarks by noting change, though Lake Forest's new mayor has much experience in government, having served as Alderman and Plan Commissioner. The biggest news in Lake Forest this year has been the continuing discussion over the location of municipal service. The impacts of various options have been studied. The question may be settled by this summer, though Mr. Kiely noted that the recent call-up of reserves may affect negotiations for the Fort Sheridan option. Also in the news is the use of the recently purchased Grove School property. Tenants may include the Symphony, Senior Center, and Recreation Department. Traffic is also big news in Lake Forest. Route 41 repaving from Old Elm south, and improvements at routes 41 and 137 may convince the through traffic to go elsewhere this summer. Affordable senior housing continues as a hot issue, with the City establishing a task force. As long as the economy remains strong the demand for development will continue, with activity in Conway and Elawa Farms expected. Continued infill and tear down redevelopment is expected for both east Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, though Lake Forest's new Historic Preservation rules are expected to have an impact.

Comments from League membership elicited additional information from the speakers. In response to a question about recreation Kent Street noted that the recent downtown studies identified a desire to have more entertainment and recreation in the town center. Both managers noted the need better to coordinate taxing districts, though Mr. Kiely noted that new construction is definitely called for when community groups are displaced by paying tenants. In response to a question about the viability of caucuses both managers applauded the communities, the various caucuses, and the League for their combined efforts. Mr. Kiely noted that the caucus system is not the norm in most communities, and can be very confusing to new residents. In response to a question about Lake County Leagues' position on Fort Sheridan (preservation of open space and public use of open space) Mr. Street noted that Lake Bluff opted not to take a position on Lake Forest's municipal services proposal, or the recent Forest Preserve referendum. The Village Board felt it should not seek out positions in conflict with other taxing bodies. Mr. Kiely stated that the Lake Forest City Council unanimously supported the referendum, and will continue to support open space. The McDonald's lawsuit expense was questioned by one member; another applauded the effort. The status of solid waste, particularly recycling was questioned. Mr. Kiely remarked that some towns limit the volume of household waste to encourage recycling. Mr. Street noted that the premier level of service enjoyed by the communities is one that residents especially value, and should not be changed. In response to parking and traffic issues a member requested vigilance on the part of government, because the integrity of residential neighborhoods can be threatened by poor planning. The final question from membership asked how each of the managers envisions the outcome of the Partners for Progress effort. Kent Street felt the objective was to build community networks by engaging more residents, "taking back the community". Bob Kiely stated that government spends much of its time mediating disputes, and hoped to find ways to build better relationships.





Jane Partridge is now the LWVLF-LB liaison to the Lake Forest Senior Housing Committee. The City of Lake Forest has set up a committee, chaired by Tom Tropp, to investigate the feasibility of senior housing in the city. Jane Partridge will be attending committee meetings as a League representative. We are very grateful to Jane for giving us a presence in an issue that we support.

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
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August 4	Kids First Health Fair
September 14	Board Meeting, 9:30 am. LB Community Center
Septmeber 20	Legislative Luncheon (save the date)



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE LUNCHEON

Please join

**STATE SENATOR TERRY LINK (D)**

and

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN GARRETT (D)**

**Tuesday, October 5, 1999, 11:30 a.m.**

**Lovell's of Lake Forest**

915 South Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

Please make your reservation as soon as possible  
but not later than Monday, September 27

with your choice of entree

Pan Fried Tilapia or Poached, Stuffed Chicken Breast

Call Kimberley Moss (735-0535)

or Bev Adamczyk (615-7141)

**\$23.00 per person**

Guests are welcome

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The League of Women Voters of the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area is intimately connected to the League of Women Voters of the United States, which we commonly refer to as National, the League of Women Voters of Illinois and the League of Women Voters of Lake County. All of our local positions are consistent with the positions of LWVUS', LWVIL's and LWVLC's positions. Our input, as well as the input of other local Leagues, guides the priorities of County's, State's and National's issues of emphasis. The connection goes beyond correspondence; LWVUS, LWVIL and LWVLC are made up of representatives from local Leagues like ours. Likewise, we have many local members who are active in every level of League.

The LWVLC benefits particularly from the dedication of many of our members. Linda Bartmes has served on the LWVLC Board for several years with special emphasis on Criminal Justice. It was Linda who arranged the tour of the Lake County Jail last fall. Mary Mathews is now the Treasurer for LWVLC. For the County League she organized last year's popular forum on transportation and is arranging this September's program on "Smart Growth" (find details in this issue of League Lines). Two of the County League's Vice Presidents also belong to the LWVFLB: Robbyn Kilbane-McFadden and Phyllis Albrecht. Phyllis also chairs the Kids First Health Fair, another county event. Jane Partridge, our own liaison to the Committee investigating affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest is also serving on the LWVLC Board. And not to be overlooked, past involvement has included Joan Kalsas as a former LWVLC President and Diane Lloyd on the immediate past Nominating Committee.

Cynthia Maloney, our local membership chair, is also a LWVIL Board Member. Her portfolio with state is the Charter School Study Chair. And Mary Mathews has also been working with LWVIL in the area of transportation. Not only do we have individuals working at the regional and State level, but Phyllis Albrecht has worked on National's Vision 2000 Campaign which you will be hearing more about this fall.

So whether your interests are in local, regional, State or National issues, joining the League at the local level lets you stay in touch with every level of League activity and get involved in the areas that excite you the most! You may find your areas of interest shift and overlap and the beauty is you already belong to an organization that accommodates your ever fluctuating interests.

*Bev*



The League of Women Voters of Lake County

presents

## "SMART GROWTH"

Let's do it right!

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Gorton Community Center  
400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest

**Marylou Martin** - Innovation Group Manager, U. S. Environmental  
Protection Agency

**Michael H. Ebner** - A. B. Dick Professor of History, Lake Forest College

**George A. Ranney, Jr.** - President and C.E.O., Chicago Metropolis 2020  
Partner - Mayer, Brown and Platt

For further information call Mary Mathews, 295-1494

### OBSERVER REPORT LAKE BLUFF VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Discussion at Lake Bluff Village Board meetings during the summer months included a rehashing of the issue of the year-old Sanctuary annexation. However, as the Lake Forester reported in depth, few area residents attended to voice opposition to the annexation when various aspects of the issue were being reconsidered. A resolution to amend the annexation process in the future — which would have required more time for large-scale annexation to be completed — reportedly met with little reaction from area residents, according to comments made by Village Trustees during meetings.

Village residents may be interested to know that an ordinance restricting the use of leaf blowers during summer months is currently under consideration by the Village Board. Highland Park does not allow leaf blowing during May through October (Highland Park has more freedom to impose restrictions than does Lake Bluff as it is a Home Rule Community). If you have an opinion on this issue you are urged to contact a member of the Village Board.

Concern over the issue of the granting of zoning variances by the Lake Bluff Zoning Board has led the board to authorize the village attorney to draft an ordinance which would amend the current Zoning Code, allowing for the Village Board to have the final say on the granting of zoning variances. The Zoning Board is currently working on a redraft of the Bulk Ordinance; the ordinance being drafted by the Village's attorney is meant to give the Village Board final authority only until the new Bulk Ordinance is finalized.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Claire Briggs





**THANK YOU PAULINE MOHR!**  
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## ILLINOIS LEAGUES REAP BENEFITS FROM LWVEF

Illinois Leagues have been at the front of the line to take advantage of the increasing number of training opportunities, pass-through grants, and programs offered by the (national) League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). Recent examples include:

- A facilitation-training workshop attended by members of six Illinois Leagues to prepare them to lead community dialogues on Medicare reform.
- Pass-through grants and technical training for eight Illinois local Leagues to build their capacity to engage citizens in state-level campaign finance reform.
- An invitation to the state League to test innovative voter education software for the 1998 election — and receive a new computer in the bargain.
- An opportunity for the Oak Park-River Forest League to host two young women leaders from Ethiopia for two weeks — and now to send two members to Ethiopia to work with their guest interns to design and conduct training sessions in grassroots organizing.

These programs and others have been supported by the VISION 2000 capital campaign of the LWVEF. The campaign is aimed at building the capacity of the League at every level to fulfill its historic mission. It is an interwoven set of strategies designed to provide citizens with the access, training, information, and opportunity they need to participate effectively in the democratic process. And it's a capital campaign to equip the League to carry out these strategies.

To achieve its vision for the League and for our country, the LWVEF is seeking \$20 million in new funds. Approximately two-thirds of this goal has been raised thus far from major donors, foundations, and corporations.

A committee of Illinois League members has been assisting LWVEF board members throughout the campaign. They are committed to making the campaign a success because they believe that a strong national Education Fund benefits every League in Illinois.

And they are excited about future VISION 2000 offerings. Training and materials for more public agenda dialogues as was provided for the Medicare reform project. A workbook and training to help Leagues implement new approaches to their program work, based on recent LWVEF research on civic participation. Pass-through grants, PSAs and election publications for Get-Out-The-Vote activities in the year 2000. And more.

As the capital campaign enters its final phase, the committee will be writing to every member in Illinois to outline the promise that VISION 2000 holds for the League and to ask everyone to join them in this important investment in our organization's future. Campaign gifts from Illinois members are especially valuable thanks to an anonymous donor who has pledged \$250,000 as a challenge towards raising an additional \$750,000 from individuals in Illinois by June 2000.

The committee hopes every member will consider making a special gift to VISION 2000 — to ensure the League's ability to fulfill the promise of democracy, for us today and for future generations.



## ACTION DURING A LEAGUE STUDY

(excerpted from a July memo from Barb Lippal, State VP Issues/Action)

As you are aware, the League is a non-partisan political organization whose credibility in your community, in Illinois and across the country is embedded in our ability to keep our voice above the 'tumult of politics'. The public looks to us as a voice of reason, knowing that we carefully — thoughtfully — study an issue and reach consensus before taking any action. Our nonpartisan position adds credibility — strengthens — our positions.

At the State level we are at the study stage on two public policy issues: charter schools and cumulative voting for the Illinois House. Among the reasons we study an issue is to make a knowledgeable, reasoned decision on an issue of public policy — how it impacts our communities — prior to taking any action. The public may mistakenly perceive that our 'study' implies a predisposition to a position. It does not.

It is important that local Leagues remain in the study mode during the biennium, until a State position is adopted on both issues. During the study the League may not lobby or speak out for or against either issue.

In keeping with this the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area will not participate in any lobbying or activities construed to support or oppose either of these issues. We may, if there is interest, hold a forum or informational program on either issue.

Of course, League members not identified under our Nonpartisan Political Policy are free to participate as individuals in any activity of their choosing. The studies only limit League and high profile League members' activities. If you would like more information feel free to call Bev Adamczyk (615-7141).

## ACTION NEEDED!

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE SUMMER RECESS AND UPON THEIR RETURN TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. URGE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE SHAYS-MEEHAN BILL WITHOUT AMMENDMENTS**

### The Message:

1. Vote for the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill, H.R. 417.

2. Oppose ammendments to the Shays-Meehan bill.

Ban soft money, ensure that funding for sham issue ads is covered by election rules, and strengthen enforcement and disclosure without any ammendments sidetracking reform.

For additional information contact the League's website at <http://www.lwv.org/cfrhome.html>. Information on the Shays-Meehan bill, HR 417, can be found at: <http://thomas.loc.gov>





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#### Calendar

September 10: Great Decisions: U.S. Role in the U.N.  
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September 14: LWVIL State of the State Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Chicago Sheraton and Towers Ballroom  
September 29: "Smart Growth" Forum, 6:45 p.m., Gorton Community Center  
October 5: Legislative Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Lovell's of Lake Forest  
October 8: Great Decisions: The Asian Financial Crisis  
October 12: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center  
November 9: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Lake Bluff Public Safety Building Community Room  
November 12: Great Decisions: Japan  
December 14: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center

\*Time change

LWVIL's second annual State of the State Luncheon will be held Tuesday, September 14, at the Sheraton Chicago Ballroom, 301 E. North Water Street. A reception at 11:30 a.m. is followed by lunch at noon. The program features Governor George Ryan discussing his legislative agenda. The event also honors Arnold Weber, a key architect of the Chicago Metropolis 2020 report. Proceeds benefit the Democracy Network voter guide website for the 2000 elections.

Tickets will be held at the door.

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Patron (\$1,000 per table or ten - acknowledged in luncheon program) Preferred seating F

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual tickets (\$100 per person)

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Visa or MC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to LWVILEF. \$70 of each ticket is tax-deductible. Return to LWVIL at 332 S. Michigan, #1050, Chicago, IL 60604  
More Information: 312-939-5935



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# League Lines

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September 20, 1999

Dear Fellow Leaguer:

It's time to renew your membership in the League of Women Voters. I can't emphasize enough how important you are to the continued success of the League. As a renewing member, you are contributing to the size and strength of an organization that can voice your views on local, state and national issues, and that provides valuable services to the community by registering voters, sponsoring debates and observing local government deliberations. In this upcoming presidential election year, which also marks the new millennium and the 80th anniversary of women's suffrage, you will especially want to be kept informed of the many important and interesting events already filling our calendar.

The League values your membership, and your involvement can be as much or as little as your time permits. Together with the registration form in this newsletter is a member interest survey, which will tell us in what ways you wish to be involved with our activities. From serving on statewide boards and committees to "guilt-free, I just want the newsletter" type of membership, the League is here to accommodate your interests and time constraints.

Please complete the registration and interest form and mail it with your check by October 15, so that your name can be included in our new directory and so you may continue to receive the newsletter and notices of upcoming events. We thank you for your continued support, and look forward to seeing you soon.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia Maloney  
Membership Chair  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who attended our first program of the fall, "Smart Growth", which we put on jointly with the Lake County League. For those of you who were unable to attend, watch the program on cable.

October is proving to be an especially busy month, beginning with the Legislative Update Luncheon with State Senator Terry Link and State Representative Susan Garrett on October 5th at Lovell's. The lack of elections this fall coinciding with the State recess has made it a convenient time to meet with our legislators. We are very happy to take advantage of the calendar! Don't forget you, too, should take advantage of this fall recess and contact your legislators about any issue of concern. Although they are always accessible, this fall recess is a relatively easy time to reach them.

On October 24th, we are having our Membership Tea. It is a fall tradition to host a program dedicated to our members and prospective members. Remember, many of us were personally introduced to the League. And please, as you have done in falls past, extend an invitation to the Tea to your friends. All guests are welcome. And we hope that the Sunday timing proves to be convenient for everyone.

I hope to personally meet many of you during October at our programs. Additionally, I plan to use the telephone to introduce myself to those of you I have not met. I'm interested in your history with League and what you're getting out of it today. Feel free to jump the gun and call me!

Looking forward to seeing you and talking to you!

## NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM

State League's study of Charter Schools is underway with the first meeting of the Charter Schools Study Committee last August 19. League members from Chicago, Glencoe, Batavia, Carpentersville, Dundee, Elmhurst, Wheaton, and Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area gathered in Chicago with State board members and Donna Baiocchi, Executive Director of ED-RED, to begin work on the study, which is expected to take nearly two years to complete. Preliminary topics to be covered include a review of existing charter schools, a study of state law pertaining to school charters, a look at foundations and their involvement with charter schools, an investigation of for-profit school management companies, a comparison of other states' laws on charter schools, and the reactions of school boards, teachers' unions, and universities and colleges to the formation of charter schools.

Charter schools, public schools which are "chartered" by local school boards or by the State of Illinois, are schools which are exempt from certain requirements to which other public schools are held. In exchange for this greater freedom in matters of personnel, curriculum, organization and requirements for parental involvement, Charter Schools in Illinois are held accountable for the academic performance of their students. Funding is generally provided by the school district in which the charter school is located, although additional funds are available from the State. Forty-five charters are available under current Illinois law, 15 in Chicago, 15 in the collar counties surrounding Chicago, and the remaining 15 downstate. Nineteen such schools are presently open or scheduled to open this fall.

The committee is asking anyone with an interest in the topic for help in producing the study guide and consensus questions. League members and non-League members alike with interest, expertise or both are being sought to participate. The committee is developing a flexible work schedule and can accommodate individual time constraints. Downstate members are especially needed to give the study a balanced statewide perspective and to participate in site visits to Springfield and East St. Louis.

Meetings can be attended via phone or fax. The next meeting of the Charter Schools Study Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 14th, from 10 a.m. to noon at State headquarters, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1050. Please call Cynthia Maloney, Study Chair, at 847-615-1123 if you would like to participate. All are welcome!



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**PBS DOCUMENTARY**  
**NOVEMBER 7 & 8**  
**8 P.M.**

**NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE: THE STORY OF  
 ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY**

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns has produced an exciting new documentary which will air on PBS in two segments on Sunday, November 7 and Monday, November 8 at 8 p.m.

Stanton and Anthony were two of our country's most influential citizens. They fought for over 50 years to repeal laws that allowed slavery and barred women from public speaking, professions, property ownership, child custody, and the vote. Women were enfranchised in 1920 by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, more than a decade after the deaths of Stanton and Anthony, and 144 years after the Declaration of Independence.

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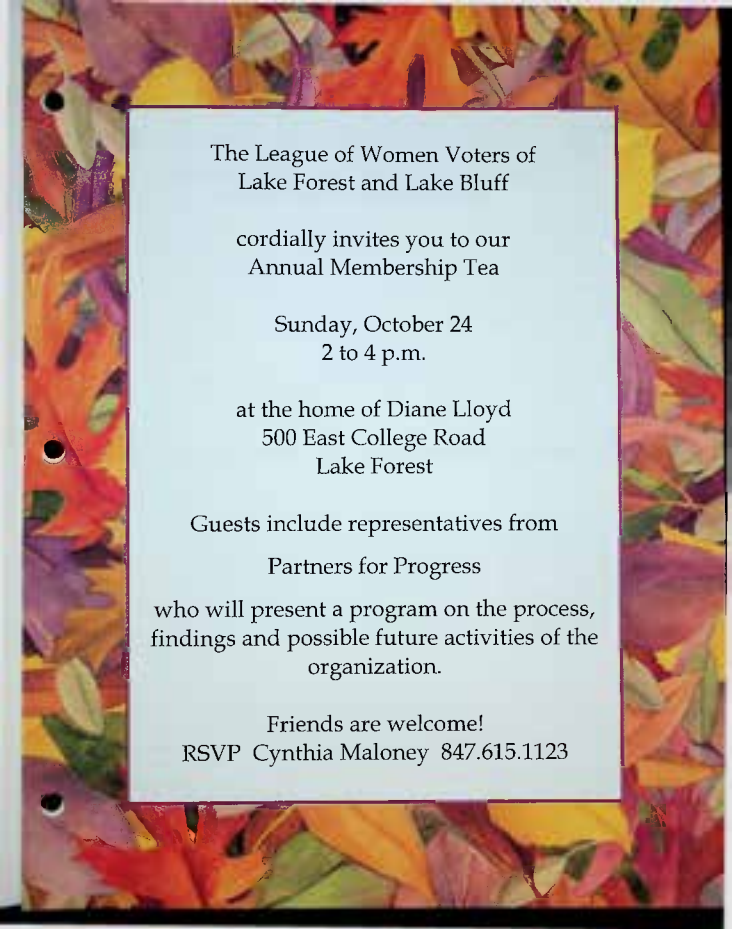
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**NEWS FROM HOME FOR THOSE WHO'VE FLOWN THE NEST!**

If the student in your household has an interest in politics why not nurture it? If that student does not have an interest, why not encourage one?

A student membership at our new student rate will give all the benefits of membership, including local, state and national newsletters, to your student family member at home or away. All we ask is that s/he be a full-time student.





The League of Women Voters of  
Lake Forest and Lake Bluff

cordially invites you to our  
Annual Membership Tea

Sunday, October 24  
2 to 4 p.m.

at the home of Diane Lloyd  
500 East College Road  
Lake Forest

Guests include representatives from

Partners for Progress

who will present a program on the process,  
findings and possible future activities of the  
organization.

Friends are welcome!  
RSVP Cynthia Maloney 847.615.1123

## **GREAT IDEA FOR PARTICIPATION OF LESS ACTIVE MEMBERS**

### **BECOME AN E-MAIL ACTIVIST!**

#### **STATE LEAGUE TRANSFERS LOBBYIST DUTIES TO ITS MEMBERSHIP**

Last spring, at its annual convention, State League announced that there would no longer be a designated lobbyist on League's payroll. This generated a rather lengthy floor discussion, and at one point a motion was made to raise the State PMP in order to afford a lobbyist. State's position is that it is able to address key votes and attend key hearings by virtue of many of the coalitions to which it belongs and by utilizing grass roots interventions, alerting members to contact their legislators.

There now exists within the League's extensive listing of "Things to Do", the ways in which a member can support League, a possibility for members to become e-mail activists. State League has the capabilities of e-mailing its Action Chairs with Action Alerts that are minutes, out of the chambers of Springfield or Washington. That "hot" action alert can then be disseminated to members of our own league.

If the LWVLF-LB had a core group of members willing to have our Action Chair, Joan Kaltsas, e-mail them with these alerts, we could respond to Action positions in a more timely way than in the past when telephone trees were initiated. It is anticipated that any information necessary for each particular action item would be included in the e-mail, such as which legislators needed to be contacted, their e-mails or addresses and possibly a sample letter.

This is a perfect, and very necessary method, of participation for Leaguers who value their membership in League, but who, for whatever reason, find it difficult to be actively involved. If you are plugged into cyberspace and can become involved as a grass-roots activist in this wonderfully effective way, please give Joan Kaltsas a call at 234-4737 or e-mail her at [jkaltsa@dist214k12.il.us](mailto:jkaltsa@dist214k12.il.us). Even if you consider yourself a very active member don't hesitate to call or e-mail Joan to become part of this effort.





## Who Says There's Never Anything on Television?

If you were unable to attend the Lake County League's program on "**Smart Growth**" you can catch up on cable television. Please consult your cable station for dates and times.



Please have your items for the newsletter ready by the next Board meeting on **October 12th.**

## "I meant to join that study . . . Now it's too late"

The Cumulative Voting study is in jeopardy. Only five League members are ready to be on this committee, although a number of other members are willing to serve as committee resources. Unfortunately this does not constitute a committee with the ability to conduct in-depth research. Without a committee the League cannot issue the funding proposal to foundations mentioned in last month's newsletter. If your interest was piqued by this study, but you did not quite get around to stepping forward, please call Gail Feiger Brown at 847-433-2093, or e-mail [gfbrown@ibm.net](mailto:gfbrown@ibm.net).

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**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** today

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Mail your check(s) to League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Thank you!

## 1999-2000 MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

Please complete and return with your membership check

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in/may be able to help with:

- ☐ the Shields Township study ☐ the review of League positions
- ☐ planning and organizing debates and community forums
- ☐ being an observer (sitting in on meetings or reading the minutes of local government bodies)
- ☐ becoming a deputy registrar and registering voters
- ☐ moderating debates and community forums ( ☐ beginning ☐ intermediate/advanced)
- ☐ Kids First Health Fair (health check-ups and school supplies to children living at or near poverty level)
- ☐ special program arrangements ☐ set up ☐ greeting ☐ refreshments ☐ clean up
- ☐ cablecasting League debates, forums etc.
- ☐ the Great Decisions discussion group on foreign affairs
- ☐ short-term jobs: ☐ mailings ☐ phone calls ☐ graphics/art work ☐ transportation
- ☐ Please sign me up for a guilt-free membership! I can not be active this year, but I am happy to support the League's work.



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## Calendar

October 5: Legislative Luncheon, 11:30a.m., Lovell's of Lake Forest  
October 8: Great Decisions: The Asian Financial Crisis  
October 12: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center  
October 18: Shields Township Study Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LB library  
October 24: Membership Tea  
November 9: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., LB Public Safety Building  
November 12: Great Decisions: Japan  
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December 14: Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Gorton Community Center

*Dec 10 Holiday Luncheon*



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Carol Gilbert for  
volunteering as  
question  
coordinators for  
School District  
67's public  
meetings on  
redistricting.

The League of Women Voters LF/LB Area  
sponsors a political discussion:

## THE CAUCUS PROCESS AND THE TWO PARTY SYSTEM:

## LAKE FOREST LAKE BLUFF ELECTIONS AT A CROSSROAD



Panel will include a moderator  
(presenting an historical  
overview on state elections)  
and local representatives who  
are not candidates for office  
or currently elected officers.  
Questions will be taken  
from the audience.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
**7.30 - 9.00 PM**  
**DEERPATH ELEMENTARY IRC**

Rerun on Cable

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great time was had by all at our Legislative Update Luncheon! It was a great way to learn what our legislators have been working on while at the same time enjoying the company of others with similar interests. We're pleased that so many of you were able to hear and talk to Senator Terry Link and Representative Susan Garrett. This event is deservedly becoming a biennial tradition.

While our October program focused on the State legislature, this month we are turning our attention to issues here at home. We are very excited about the program we are bringing to you on November 23, The Caucus Process and the Two Party System. The contested elections last spring in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff brought up new issues in these communities where elected officials have typically been slated without opposition long before election day. We're providing this program as a community discussion about the issues. We hope you will join us and help to shape this important dialogue. Since our program is close to the holiday we suggest that you buy your turkey on Monday and bake your pies on Wednesday and arrange time to come to the IRC on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. because we promise you an engaging panel with experience and knowledge about our local nomination and election processes.

On a different note, I am happy to introduce a new off-board appointee to you. Mary Claire Briggs is now our Community Recycling Chair. She will spearhead efforts to bring more comprehensive recycling into the community. Recycling is an important component of our Solid Waste Position and an area where we think our activity can make a difference.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 23 and Happy Thanksgiving.

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## **SEE YOUR COUNTY BOARD IN ACTION!**

The Lake County League and its six member leagues are  
sponsoring a program on

### **"County Board Organization and Issues"**

Tuesday, November 9th. at 11.30 a.m.  
County Building, 18 North County,  
Waukegan, 10th. floor

Members are also invited to attend the  
County Board Meeting before the program at  
9.00 a.m. also in the County Building.

At 11.30 a.m. Mr. Jim LaBelle will give a brief overview  
before enjoying a salad luncheon with league members  
and other County Board members.

Please call Diane Lloyd if you plan to go (615-9182) .

**BOARD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL  
BOARD MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 9.00 A.M.  
DURING THIS LEAGUE YEAR**

## Campaign to Override Governor's Veto

Child support collection has been a major problem for all custodial parents in Illinois. It is a particularly frustrating problem for those parents on TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), causing those families tremendous financial hardship.

HB 1232 passed the Illinois House and Senate last spring only to be vetoed by Governor Ryan, citing fiscal spending as the problem. The bill has bipartisan sponsorship and bipartisan support in both houses because it makes a great deal of sense to help the children in TANF working families to receive maximum financial support from both parents.

HB 1232, called "Child Support Pays", would allow working parents receiving TANF to keep two-thirds of child support collected by the State on behalf of their children. Under current state policy, these families are allowed to keep only a \$50 "pass-through" per month, no matter how much the State collects from the estranged parent.



According to chief sponsor Representative Hamos (D-Chicago), "Last year, \$88 million was collected on behalf of children receiving welfare, but the families received only \$8.8 million — a mere 10 percent of the total. The state and federal governments kept 90 cents of every dollar in child support collected. By helping low-income working families keep a larger portion of child support payments, HB 1232 demonstrates the State's commitment to helping families become self-sufficient in this era of welfare reform."

"A parent who receives child support becomes less dependent on welfare payments. HB 1232 will allow working custodial parents on welfare to move from welfare more quickly. It will also create incentives for more moms and dads to participate in the State's child support program. It's a \$6 million investment in the short run but will be much more economical in the long run," said co-sponsor Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange).

Senator Barack Obama (D-Chicago), chief sponsor of the legislation in the Illinois Senate, added, "Before this law, we were creating a disincentive for dads to do the right thing. When parents are willing to face up to their responsibilities, money goes right to their children, not to bureaucrats."

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, SUSAN GARRETT, 482-1999, OR LAUREN BETH GASH, 465-1020, AND SENATOR TERRY LINK 266-1997, AND URGE THEM TO VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO ON HB 1232 WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES NOVEMBER 16**

If you prefer to write a letter the addresses can be found in the back of your LWVLF-LB directory

### **WOMEN 2000 — BEIJING PLUS FIVE**

*The Chicago Foundation for Women, the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor and the President's Interagency Council of Women are sponsoring a one day conference to mark five years since the United Nation's Women's Conference in Beijing.*

*The conference will be held on Monday, December 6, 1999 at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago. Please contact Bev (615 7141) for more information.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE LUNCHEON REPORT

A lunch at Lovell's of Lake Forest provided the occasion for our biennial get-together with our local legislators, Terry Link (D-30th) and Susan Garrett (D-59th). In his opening remarks Senator Link noted the breadth of the last legis-lative session, during which over 4,000 bills were introduced. 83 of those bills were vetoed, and 400 are now law. One of the new laws requires a check mark on a death certificate if a death is due to domestic violence thus enabling figures on this cause of death to be compiled.

Representative Garrett began her remarks by complimenting the league for giving her the foundation she needed to run for office. She noted that a legislator has to take into account partisanship, the viewpoints of special interest lobbies and state agencies, and regionalism as well as the impact legislation will have on one's home district. She said that partisan politics often takes a backseat in Springfield. To illustrate she said that 80% of her votes were cast the same way as the Democratic speaker of the House cast his; 81% of her votes were cast the same way as the Republican minority leader cast his. In other words the minority and majority leaders often voted the same way on bills.



Rep. Garrett also spoke about regionalism in Illinois: the differing viewpoints of residents of the City of Chicago, the collar counties and the downstate counties. This regionalism, she said, is more responsible for legislative divisions than is partisan politics. A later

discussion on handgun legislation illustrated this point well. According to Sen. Link, downstate voters fear being deprived of their hunting weapons by proposed legislation to limit the purchase of handguns to one each month. This legislation did not pass.



Legislation to fund the manning of weigh stations for trucks has been drafted and Rep. Garrett said that the Illinois Dept. of Transportation will not oppose the funding request because the money will be recouped from fines on trucks not complying with regulations.

In response to a question about the outlook for campaign finance reform Rep. Garrett said nothing will be happening in the near future on this issue. Sen. Link implied that the reason for this was the opposition of Republican Senate Leader Pate Phillips.

Sen. Link noted that the recently passed Senate bill allowing seventeen year-olds to be election judges was supported by County Clerks and viewed as a means to involve young adults in the political process before they are called upon to vote.

There was a question about eligibility for the comprehensive insurance program (CHIPS). 2.3 million people in Illinois use this program. Rep. Garrett noted that 65,000 to 70,000 Lake County residents are still uninsured. Commenting on health insurance in general Rep. Garrett said there are still many inequities and that she needs information from her constituents detailing their experiences in this regard. Sen Link said that the insurance lobby is one of the



strongest lobbies in Springfield and that his office needs to hear the public's view of health insurance to help counteract this.

A question about the tollway system was answered quickly with Rep. Garrett saying the legislature does not have oversight and Sen. Link noting that he expects to see changes "eventually".

The recent tuition tax credit bill was not supported by our two speakers. Rep. Garrett objected to the bill because in order to receive money back from the State one had to owe money in the first place. The lowest income families do not owe money and thus cannot qualify for the credit. This is so, even though these families, and especially those in the inner city Chicago, need the opportunities such a credit could afford.

A common refrain throughout the opening remarks and answers to questions was the legislators' request for constituents to contact them with their concerns.

Both legislators thanked the League profusely for its work and for the opportunity to address the group at the luncheon in such an informal fashion.





### Great Decisions 1999

Interested in politics elsewhere in the world? How does the U.S. affect other countries? And how do other countries and regions affect us? Great Decisions is an interesting, social way to explore foreign policy. Sponsored by the LWV LF-LB and American Association of University Women, the group meets on the second Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at Betty Boker's (485 Oakwood Ave., Apt. A5) for discussions. The discussions flow from articles and videos provided by the Foreign Policy Association. Our last meeting of the year is coming up.

**November 12: Japan: The Shadow of the Miracle.**

Guests and friends are welcome.

For more information contact Diane Lloyd (615-9182)

### Jane Partridge reports on Affordable Senior Housing in Lake Forest - Lake Bluff

A blue ribbon committee, spearheaded by former Alderman Tom Tropp of Lake Forest, presented the Senior Cottage idea to the City Council on June 22, 1999. The committee consists of Rev. Tony Danielson and Charles Fitzgerald III, both Senior Resource Commission Representatives; Robert Shaw, local developer; Edward Wehmer, local banker; Michael Burns, real estate adviser; and Peter Witmer, architect. The Committee's proposal was favorably accepted by the City Council, subject to the findings of need, possible sites, city ordinances, zoning and building codes, funding and the extent to which the city would be involved in the funding, etc. The committee has reported every month since.

In September Tom Tropp delivered the research findings of the committee:

1. Three categories of potential sites were identified: Property owned by the City of Lake Forest, property which may be exchanged by individuals, and property which may be exchanged by individuals for the right to live in the cottage either at reduced cost or no cost.
2. Eleven properties were located near the Market Square perimeter, West Park, South Park, Northcroft Park, Deerpath Golf Course, Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest College, Barat College, and city-owned property in West Lake Forest.
3. The potential demand in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff in 1997 was identified as being between 20 and 35 units. The need is higher now.
4. Seniors in households with annual gross income between \$55,000 and \$90,000 would qualify for senior cottages.
5. Most seniors want to be within walking distance of shopping, cultural and recreational facilities. Many do not want to give up the privacy of single-family homes but also want companionship and peers nearby.

The committee proposal suggests the construction of a series of small, two- or three-unit cottages, scattered around town in close proximity to stores and activities. These senior-friendly cottages would blend into the streetscape of the neighborhood. The individual units would be small but adequate for one or two persons and would be accessible to the disabled. Protected parking and small common areas such as gardens or decks would be included in the design. To the extent possible these homes would be designed to reduce maintenance costs.

After the City Council unanimously approved the plan, Tom Tropp asked that a woman be appointed to the committee. The committee's next report is expected early in the new year. The goal of the committee is to have at least one unit ready to inhabit in fall 2000.

The League notes with sadness the death of one of our former members, the **Honorable Mary A. Pappas**. Mary served on the Lake Bluff League Board from 1958 through 1964 and chaired the Illinois Constitutional Convention Program Portfolio. From that position she consented to stand for election as a Delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention. Successfully elected Mary sponsored the first proposal adopted by the Convention body which provided for separate submission to the voters of controversial parts of the new Constitution so as not to jeopardize the passage of the basic document. When the Convention adjourned she lobbied successfully for its passage.

Mary supported the Equal Rights Amendment and drafted the Illinois Paternity and Blood Test Acts which became law. She was honored for her *pro bono* services to indigent children, and was also the "lead" administrative Judge for the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Mary's service to the League and the community at large were most significant and she will be remembered by her League friends and associates.

#### OBSERVER CORPS NEEDS HELP!

Additional volunteers are needed for the League Observer Corps. We would like to have a regular observer for the Lake Bluff Park Board and the Lake Forest City Council plus two volunteers to monitor the Zoning Board meetings in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest. Monitoring the Zoning Board meetings only requires that the volunteer check the agendas for the meetings ahead of time and attend those meetings which have agenda items that relate to League interests and activities.

Currently the League has volunteer observers covering the Lake Bluff Village Board (Mary Claire Briggs), the Lake Bluff Plan Comm. (Emily Jennings), District 85 School Board (Cindy Morehead), Sr. Housing Cttee. (Jane Partridge), Senior Resources Comm. (Eleanor Knight) and the Lake Forest Plan Commission (Linda Ites).

*The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.*

*At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.*

#### PRESCHOOL DIRECTORY

The LWVLF-LB Preschool Directory is available. The directory is intended as a guide for anyone in the community looking for a preschool. Guides can be purchased in the main office at the Gorton Community Center.

Join the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest - Lake Bluff Area, today!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron               | \$100.00 |
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November 12:	Great Decisions Japan: The Shadow of a Miracle, 1:00 p.m.
November 16:	General Assembly reconvenes, please write or phone now
November 19:	LWVLF-LB Board Meetings 9:00 a.m. in Lake Bluff
November 19:	County Board Meeting, Waukegan
November 19:	LWVLC Lunch with the County Board, 11:30 a.m.
November 23:	The Caucus Process & the Two Party System, 7:30 p.m.
December 6:	Women 2000, Chicago Cultural Center
June 17-20:	LWVUS Convention 2000, Washington D.C.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

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## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest Lake Bluff Area has a web site but we are in need of a Webmaster. There is support for our web page from the County League as well as guidelines from the State. If you are knowledgeable with computers this is a great way to help the League and stay tuned in to what's happening locally.

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The League of Women Voters of  
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area  
invites you to attend our

Fourth Annual Holiday Luncheon

*Fall under the Harry Potter spell with  
an enchanting book review by  
Barbara Rinella  
based on Harry Potter  
and the Sorcerer's Stone  
by J.K. Rowling*

Friday, December 10, 1999

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

St. James Lutheran Church  
1380 N. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest

A catered luncheon will be served.

The Lake Forest Book Store will provide a variety  
of popular books for your holiday shopping convenience.

Babysitting is available by reservation only.

RSVP by 12/3, to Bev Adamczyk at 615-7141

Please confirm your reservation by  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a serious fall. We've offered two programs, our Legislative Update Luncheon and the November panel discussion, "The Caucus Process and Two-Party System," and threw a beautiful Membership Tea in late October. Now, as the holidays approach it is time to celebrate with the League and enjoy the entertainment of Barbara Rinella at our Fourth Annual Holiday Luncheon. Barbara Rinella's performance is based on the extraordinary best seller Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling. If you have read the Harry Potter books, you know what a wonderful treat we are in for. If you haven't, this is an excellent opportunity to become exposed to the characters who are capturing the imagination of children and encouraging reading among the young. We would not be League, however, without acknowledging the controversy surrounding the Harry Potter phenomenon. While the books enjoy the top three slots in the New York Times bestseller list, there are some who would like to see the books censored or pulled from children's school libraries. Balancing individual rights with society's welfare is an integral part of the history of our country. And part of our continuing evolution.

Join with fellow Leaguers for this light catered luncheon and get a glimpse of Harry Potter in a festive atmosphere. The Lake Forest Bookstore will have a table set up with a variety of popular books. Please take advantage of this convenience to complete your book shopping for the holidays. Looking forward to seeing you on December 10th!

*The League of Women Voters of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Area is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government.*

*At the local, state, and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.*

## PRESCHOOL DIRECTORY

The LWWFLB Preschool Directory is available. The directory is intended as a guide for anyone in the community looking for a preschool. Guides can be purchased in the main office at the Gorton Community Center.

## CAROL GILBERT REPORTS ON THE COUNTY LEAGUE'S

**"SMART GROWTH" PROGRAM**

On September 29th the three panelists of Lake County League's "Smart Growth" left us considering three words: education, co-operation and regionalism. These three words were provided by George Clark, a social scientist with the EPA, Chicago Region; Michael Ebner, History Professor at Lake Forest College; and George Ranney, representing Chicago Metropolitan 2020, a business and civic-minded consortium. Though they were from diverse backgrounds, the panelists were often in agreement. In common, they felt the huge (and imminent) growth expected for Lake County is a sink or swim opportunity, even going so far as to suggest Chicago may be called "the LA of the Midwest" in terms of its transportation flaws.

George Clark, of the US EPA, opened his presentation by asking how many hours the audience had spent in a car, noting that sprawl encourages our dependency on the automobile. When we shop, live, and work in separate places, our land use and car use patterns denigrate both the quality of the environment and the quality of life. He described his work at the EPA as "reminding the Lawyers, engineers and scientists about people". Michael Ebner echoed this theme, noting that in 1972 about 55% of metropolitan Chicago's jobs were located in the city, a number that has now dropped to 40%, with the suburbs still gaining, and becoming ever more dependent on the ever-more inefficient highways. George Ranney agreed, noting that traffic problems are key to the health of the business community: if people can't get to jobs the entire region suffers. He also felt that automobile users were paying only 25% of the costs associated with the privilege of driving.

The panelists and audience proposed many solutions. Much discussion centered around the idea of municipal cooperation, because coordinating mechanisms are largely absent. Comprehensive plans of regional growth are needed. New infrastructure proposals should precede any development proposals. When a development benefits one community and not its neighbor stronger governmental connections must be in place. Policies that encourage sprawl and "Balkanization" must be dropped. Incentives should be given to encourage proposals for adaptive reuse and infill. Environmental preservation should be rewarded. The stagnant rail industry must be expanded, particularly from Chicago to Milwaukee if Lake County is to benefit. The panelists favored the "transit village" concept, a compact mixed use community that is not car-dependent for jobs or essential services.

The panelists agreed that the availability of public transportation was a key measure of sustainable growth in Lake County. When asked to assess the health of the RTA system Ranney called it "shameful" the RTA does not interface with other transportation networks and provide a fare that allows use of multiple systems. He also termed the proposed route 53 extension as problematic, stating "it has been sold as a way to deal with traffic but instead increases congestion in nearby communities". Mark Tuohy, developer of the Lakehurst proposal for Lake County's new state university, also echoed this sentiment. He said the existence of good roads to Lakehurst made it an attractive site, and wished that strategic planning would extend beyond the county's limits, and invite Wisconsin's participation.

The possible solutions presented were varied, with the panelists often disagreeing. When asked by the audience how sprawl can be controlled Michael Ebner flatly stated that a legislative solution was required to force municipalities to coordinate. George Ranney disagreed, believing that social issues should not be solved in an authoritarian fashion, but rather be achieved through advocacy and closely monitoring new devices such as open space initiatives. All seemed to agree, though, that the current suburban patterns may not prove functional in the future. We may need to consider more mixed-use zoning, higher density residential development (especially in older communities), and initiatives that reward infill construction and reuse of sites already developed.

Some of the panelists' ideas, such as removing power from the independently financed tollway authority were cheerfully welcomed by the audience. Other ideas, such as encouraging mixed income communities seemed less useful. If current development trends continue will Lake County still be a desirable place to live? Perhaps Mary Matthews and the Lake County League will plan a follow-up forum sometime in the next century and give us a report!

## OBSERVER CORPS

The League Observer Corps continues to expand! We now have an observer at the Lake Forest Central Business District Task Force meetings. The work of the CBD Task Force relates directly to our League's interest in "Smart Growth."

The Task Force was appointed several weeks ago by Mayor Kerr and is charged with examining the potential for growth in the Central Business District in order to identify the opportunities, implications and effects that this growth could bring to the City of Lake Forest. Emphasis is being placed on defining and preserving the character of the town while maintaining the quality of life that makes a community desirable. The Task Force is working with Thompson Dyke, planning consultants, and is currently focusing on defining the historic character of Lake Forest in order to direct future growth in a way that will preserve the character of the town and at the same time offer solutions to current problems such as traffic and parking.

Of particular concern is the potential for commercial development that would double the amount of built commercial space that currently exists in the downtown area. The CBD Task Force welcomes input and questions from the public.

Thank you Bea Mueller for serving as the observer of this important committee.

For additional information on the work of the CBD Task Force,  
call Pauline Mohr, 234-5853

## REQUEST FOR NAMES OF "NOTEWORTHY" LEAGUE MEMBERS

The following was received at the state office from LWVUS staff member, Melissa Dorfman, who is doing research on noteworthy men and women who are/were League members. They hope to (if possible) put together a list of men and women who got their "start" in the League. The state office and board will be working with her but there will probably be people we'll overlook. Please pass along the names of men and women who have gained some kind of state or national prominence and are/were in fact members of state or local Leagues. (If you're aware of a prominent national member, pass that along, too!)

They're particularly interested in finding out if any past or present members of Congress have/had League membership. But, they also want information on artists, activists, and other noteworthy people with League membership.

Please contact Melissa at <MDorfman@LWV.Org> or 202-263-1354 - and please copy the state office on any information you send, <info@lwvil.org> or fax to 312-939-6887 or mail to LWVIL at 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1050, Chicago, IL 60603. Send it Attention: Stacey.

## POSITION EVALUATION

Last May, at our Annual Meeting, the need for carefully reviewing our local positions, especially those pertaining to the nominating processes in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, was brought up and acknowledged. If you would like to participate in our local position review or if you are a member who participated in any study behind our current positions please contact Bev at 615-7141. Our local positions are being reprinted here for your convenience:

### *Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Positions*

**Preschool Programs and Services:** Support of improved child care and recreational facilities in Lake Forest. Given the resurgence of births in the community, the League supports regular monitoring of births to provide community agencies and institutions with information necessary to plan effectively for our community's preschool population.

**Solid Waste:** Support of federal and state policies to reduce the quantities of waste, to reclaim useful materials, and to safely restore the residue to the environment. Municipalities should combine their efforts to solve waste problems regionally. Recycling and reuse should be given priority. The federal government should continue or increase its financial aid for research and development in this area.

**Affordable Senior Housing:** Support of the development of below market value rental housing for seniors in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. (1996)

### *Lake Bluff Positions*

**Lake Bluff Comprehensive Plan:** Support of an effective comprehensive plan which encompasses potential and existing land use in Lake Bluff and surrounding unincorporated areas, as well as capital improvements, including the infrastructure of the village.

**Conservation:** Support of measures to preserve the natural resources of Lake Bluff: protection and preservation of the Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff; preservation of ravines and other open areas; preservation, through restricted use, of the flood plain lands along the Skokie River; establishment of walkways and bicycle paths.

**Land Use:** Monitor the disposition of village-owned properties west of the West Terrace. This land is in its natural state, and some of it is in the flood plain.

**Coordinated Nominating Systems:** Support of the coordination of procedures of the Lake Bluff School Caucus, the Lake Bluff Park Caucus, and the current Lake Bluff party for municipal elections, which would improve their efficiency without impairing their independence. Specifically, the League favors coordination with respect to area maps, the timing of area meetings and the preparation and release of certain public notices and publicity. The League recommends that the nominating bodies explore together the possibilities of improving procedures and determining other areas of cooperation.

### *Lake Forest Positions*

**Lake Forest Caucus:** Support for the formal adoption of operating procedures which more fully inform the residents of the workings of the caucus, of the desired qualifications of candidates which it is seeking, and of the qualifications of those selected for candidacy. Support of procedures of the annual meeting which allow for informed selection of candidates and the opportunity to select each candidate individually by secret ballot. Support of procedures which enable direct voter participation in the election of COC members.

**Recreation:** Support of the development of additional programs and facilities, such as Deerpath Community Park, for non-athletic and unstructured activities. Additional use should be made of existing facilities, such as schools, for such activities. A public annual report should be made designating the use of tax dollars.





## Illinois Campaign for Political Reform

### Hitting the Jackpot: The Gambling Industry and Illinois Politicians, Part II *November 1, 1999 (Issue Briefing #5)*

On June 25, 1999, Governor Ryan signed into law a dramatic expansion of gambling in Illinois. Though still the subject of legal wrangling, the law allows a new casino based in densely populated Cook County. The state's existing riverboat casinos can drop anchor and offer dockside gambling day and night. And finally, the Illinois government will hand over \$56.9 million yearly, in tax breaks and subsidies, to the state's ailing horseracing industry. The Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission estimates that taxpayers could lose as much as \$14 million yearly thanks to the new law.<sup>1</sup>

Initially, a reluctant public was told gambling would raise money for education and other state needs. The new reality is different: the state will subsidize the failing horseracing industry and its revenues to the state will be reduced to a trickle. It's an ironic twist that of all the industries the legislature could have chosen to subsidize, they chose a so-called "sin industry" such as horse racing.

Here's how the tracks get their \$56.9 million yearly from the state. First, tracks will receive \$15.4 million in direct payments from Illinois's coffers. Second, tracks will benefit from another \$15.4 million from the state to increase the purses paid out to winning horses, to attract more bettors to the tracks. And third, the new law slashes the racetracks' tax burdens, netting them \$26.1 million more.<sup>2</sup>

The greatest beneficiary of this crony capitalism is Richard Duchossois, owner of Arlington International Racecourse. Over the years, Duchossois has become one of the largest contributors to state politicians, giving \$1,460,886 from 1993 through June 1999.<sup>3</sup> While this amount seems large, it is dwarfed by the estimated total Arlington Racecourse will receive each year in state assistance: \$17.2 million dollars. This total includes \$7.8 million in state subsidies to the track, \$5.6 million in tax breaks, and a \$3.8 million real estate credit.<sup>4</sup> (See graph this page.)

**Illinois's New \$17.2 Million Yearly  
Boost to Duchossois-owned Arlington Racecourse**  
(in millions \$)



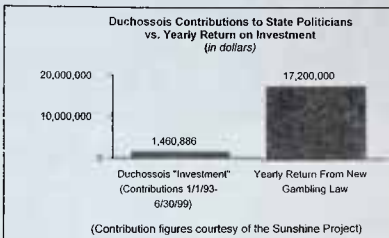
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Sources: IL Racing Board, IL Economic and Fiscal Commission.

When viewed side-by-side (see figure, this page), Duchossois's "investment" of \$1,460,886 in our state's politicians appears to be a good one. It will bring him, on a yearly basis, 12 times his original investment, and over a decade 120 times his investment.

The other big winner in the expansion law is Rosemont Mayor Donald Stephens, who gave \$501,980 to our state politicians from 1993 through June 1999. The Rosemont casino will bring \$4.5 million or more in tax revenues yearly to this small suburb, which has a population of only 4,100.<sup>5</sup>

Illinois's existing riverboats donated \$2,104,274 to state politicians, from 1993 through June 1999. These existing casinos weren't thrilled with allowing a casino license to be transferred to populous Cook County. So lawmakers had to throw in a sweetener to get the established riverboats to sign onto the May '99 deal: dockside gambling.



For years the state's riverboats wanted to nix the requirement that they cruise in order to allow gambling. It's a matter of competition, the boat owners say, as neighboring Iowa and Missouri allow dockside gambling. Indeed, since the passage of the new law and the elimination of cruising requirements, profits at Illinois's riverboats have jumped considerably. The intake of the state's nine casinos reached a new record of \$131.4 million in July 1999, just after the new legislation took effect.<sup>6</sup>

The next logical step, according to casino owners, is for the permanently anchored boats to give way to glitzy barges, so that more gamblers can be accommodated. The round-the-clock frenzy will be a far cry from the innocent "excursion boats" that riverboat proponents initially promised. "It's now wide open, hard-core, Las Vegas-style gambling," claims Rev. Tom Grey of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

There was no public clamour for land-based gambling or for more casinos: about 60 percent of Illinoisans were against both.<sup>7</sup> "Our experience is that campaign money speaks louder than the public will," concludes anti-gambling activist Lucy Kokal, of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Homewood.

<sup>1</sup> Assumes \$205 million yearly revenue at Rosemont casino.

<sup>2</sup> Sources: Illinois Racing Board and Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission. Also assumes \$205 million yearly revenue at Rosemont casino. Tax reduction includes \$5.8 million real estate tax credit.


<sup>3</sup> All campaign contributions info courtesy of the Sunshine Project, University of Illinois, Springfield.

<sup>4</sup> Sources: IL Racing Board, IL Racing Board *Annual Report 1997*, and IL Economic and Fiscal Commission.

<sup>5</sup> Calculated using revenue sharing agreement provided by the West Central Municipal Conference, and with assumption of \$205 million yearly revenue at Rosemont casino.

<sup>6</sup> "Casino operators now setting sights on land-based barges," *Chicago Tribune*, Sept. 8, 1999. The boom may be short-lived for riverboats which will lose business to the new Rosemont casino.

<sup>7</sup> Poll from "Public does two-step on casinos," *Chicago Tribune*, July 5, 1997.



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## A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO OUR MEMBERS . . .

Bev Adamczyk, Alice Flaherty, Joan Kallsas, Diane Lloyd, Arlene Loepp, Cynthia Maloney, Cyndy Morehead, Beverly Nelson and Elaine Snyder for staffing the League table at Harvest Days on October 16.

Diane Lloyd for providing a beautiful setting for our membership tea in October;

Cynthia Maloney for arranging such a pleasant membership tea with outstanding food and education from the Partners for Progress speakers; and

to all members who have renewed their memberships. If this annual task has not yet reached the top of your long to-do list, please take a moment now to fill out the form below and forward it with your dues to LWV LF-LB, 400 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

### LEAGUE FILES LAWSUIT

At their September 25th. Board meeting, the LWVIL Board of Directors authorized the filing of a lawsuit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of Illinois' 1999 Tuition Tax Credit. This law allows for state income tax credits of up to \$500 to parents of public and private school students. Signed into law by the governor in August, this statute allows parents who spend a minimum of \$250 per student in grades K through 12 on schoolbooks, lab fees or tuition to qualify for the credit. The \$250 minimum qualifying expense means that parents of most Illinois public school students will not qualify for the credit. The League believes that the bill was designed to keep most public school students ineligible for the credit.

The League is seeking additional plaintiffs — individual members who have children in public schools and civic organizations with an interest in opposing the credit.

The League has a long history of opposition to tax credits and school vouchers, based on our school funding and equality of opportunity positions, and League principles.

Paul Mollica, of Meites, Mulder, Berger, and Mollica, is representing the LWVIL *pro bono*. Paul also served as the League's attorney in our successful lawsuits in both state and federal courts which required the state to implement the National Voter Registration Act, or Motor Voter, and then to abolish the two-tiered system of registration which the state had set up to get around the requirements of the Act.

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## Calendar

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